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## Development Issues Took Center Stage in 1999

The final year of the 20th century saw Princeton in the grip of competing pressures, as the irreplaceable commodity of land, both rural and urban, became a battleground for opposing factions.

At year's end there were only a handful of parcels measuring 40 acres or more left in Princeton Township. Preservationists, alarmed by this, began a campaign to save these lands, while developers eyed several of them as housing sites.

Others saw them as places on which to build senior housing, and decried the attempt to purchase all the remaining large tracts, fearing this was the beginning of the end of efforts to enable Princeton seniors to age in their own town.

In Princeton Borough, the struggle over land took on a more urban feeling. The main concern revolved around parking, and whether a

garage — possibly cloaked by retail stores — should be built on the library parking lot. This led to the question of how best to use the small amount of land still available in the downtown.

The need for more parking was fueled not by additional stores or apartments, but by the planned expansion of the library and Arts Council.

At year's end, library and government officials awaited the architect's plans, which are expected to include some reference to parking, while neighbors of the Arts Council continued to be concerned about the addition's size and the parking needs it would generate.

The Regional Planning Board came to Borough Council to urge the construction of a garage, a move that had earlier in the year

been urged by the Library board of trustees. In discussions that followed this request, it was clear that Council was divided on the question. The Borough governing body is waiting for the results of a study of downtown parking before it continues to examine whether to build a parking structure.

As the year drew to a close, a number of residents rallied to the

cause of land preservation by forming a group that hopes to raise \$25 million. Calling themselves Friends of Coventry Farm, the group's first goal is to raise enough money, through contributions and matching state and federal funds, to buy Coventry Farm.

At 165 acres, spread out on both sides of The Great Road, Coventry

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## Borough Gets One-Time Infusion Of \$100,000 in Aid From State

Last Tuesday night, Borough Council members heard a pleased Mayor Reed report that the State will provide an additional \$100,000 next year to the Borough to offset shortfalls anticipated from Bell Atlantic's decision to change the way it calculates taxes it pays on its facilities.

Mr. Reed stressed that this was only a temporary one-year solution, a sentiment echoed by New Jersey State League of Municipalities Executive Director William Dressel, who said State officials want to work with the League and the telecommunications industry to come up with a

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THE SUMMER OF '99 REMEMBERED: Umbrellas became parasols under a hot July sun that drove temperatures close to 100° and contributed to a drought that brought on state-wide water restrictions for many weeks.

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Farm is by far the largest tract in the Township still available for preservation and active and passive recreation. The land, also known as The Winant Farm, has been purchased by The Hillier Group, which hopes to build 79 housing units on it.

The Friends of Coventry Farm identified four other sites in the Township that it hopes to preserve. One is Our Lady of Princeton, which has been the subject of battle between a developer, who wants to build a continuing care retirement community, and surrounding neighbors, who say they oppose the size of the plan. Another large tract eyed for preservation is the 70-acre Johnson property off Rose-dale Road.

As concern over the loss of the last large parcels in the Township mounted, the Borough has begun to feel additional pressure to join in the effort to save this land.

Earlier this year, the Planning Board asked that the Borough and Township contribute to the purchase of Coventry Farm. This was followed by the Joint Environmental Commission's request that the Borough begin the process of placing an open space tax on the November ballot. The Township already has an open space tax, which brings in approximately \$200,000 each year to be used toward land purchase and maintenance.

Council remains divided on whether to proceed with this tax, which would tack an extra penny for each \$100 of valuation onto the Borough property tax.

### Completing Palmer Square

Although the additional parking required is expected to be accommodated by the Palmer Square garages, the town is also anticipating additional traffic pressures that would result from the long-awaited completion of Palmer Square. This new development includes a six-story addition to the Nassau Inn. Although it received Planning

## Contributions Reach \$61,105 In Fifth Week of Fund Appeal

With all the activities that accompany this joyous time of year, readers still found time to contribute to the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund. This past week, in the days between Christmas and the New Year, donations totalling \$10,790 were received, bringing the total to \$61,105.

Contributions of every size have come in by mail and in person. Some people were making their first contribution, while others have made the Christmas Fund a part of their holiday giving for decades.

The total amount contributed so far is very close to the \$62,517 that was received by this time last year.

The fund helps people of all ages, from children who are given an opportunity to attend summer camp to grandmothers who need help in repairing a basement furnace after a flood. Their own budgets can't stretch to fit such needs, but they know they can turn for help to the Christmas Fund.

The Town Topics Christmas Fund, now in its 53rd year, is administered by Family & Children's Services. Town Topics bears all costs of making this appeal so that every contribution can be used to help people in need.

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Board approval in 1998, and there were promises by Palmer Square officials of completion in time to celebrate the Millennium, work has not yet begun.

The town also awaits a Palmer Square Management decision on what it will do in the space above and around the garage on Paul Robeson Place. Ever since last year's proposed plans for a combined residential, retail, and office complex were scrapped, no public announcements have been made on the site's future. Right now, plans still call for 97 residential units.

The Regional School District, too, is facing pressure in determining how best to meet the needs of growing enrollment. It must figure out how much additional building is necessary and where this should take place. The School Board is yet another player in the preserve-or-develop scenario now unfolding, since the Princeton Master Plan designates Coventry Farm as a future school site.

But, with all these pressures, Princeton remains one of the most desirable places in the nation in which to live, with a downtown that contin-

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**PICKETING — BUT NO STRIKE:** when lengthy talks produced no contract, Princeton Regional School teachers picketed for a few days last February, but a settlement was finally reached by the end of the school year.

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ues to be a thriving urban oasis and a magnet for residents and visitors alike. Not to mention that Time Magazine's Person of the Century, Albert Einstein, chose Princeton as his adopted home.

### Princeton Borough

A debt management plan is not a very sexy document, but Mayor and Council seemed pleased that they could end the year by adopting such a plan. It sets out the specifics of what the Borough expects to spend on capital items for the next five years, and caps a tax increase at \$150,000 each year for the next five to pay the debt.

The Borough's debt picture was criticized by Republicans in the November election. But the incumbent Democrats nonetheless prevailed. Mayor Marvin Reed and Council members David Goldfarb, Mildred Trotman, and Wendy

Benchley all won re-election.

### Manument Drive

High hopes for the reconstruction of Monument Drive were dashed when the price tag came in at close to \$1 million. The choice for Council was either to scale back the plans or raise money from outside sources. At year's end, Mayor Marvin Reed was hopeful that grants and State money would come in and enable the job to be done.

In March, after a year in temporary quarters, staff moved back into a renovated Borough Hall. In addition to being made compliant with the Federal Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), the municipal building was given a new roof; new wiring; asbestos abatement; and a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. At year's end, the Borough was still negotiating with the contractor to complete the job to the Borough's specifications.

who had resigned. Mr. Bruschi, a Princeton native, had been business administrator in West Windsor Township.

Marlena Schmid, the assistant Borough administrator, who had served in the top spot during the search for Mr. Shannon's successor, resigned in October to become township administrator in Cranford.

### Maggie's Playground

In May, Maggie's Playground was dedicated in the Borough's Quarry Park. It was constructed in memory of Maggie McCormick, who died in May 1998 at the age of 19 months, and who had spent many happy hours at the park. While Maggie's parents, Susan Lenz and Dean McCormick, helped raise much of the \$27,000 needed, Princeton Borough provided all the labor, as well as an additional \$10,000.

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### Brick Walkway

After much discussion, Council in June gave Spirit of Princeton permission to sell \$100 bricks to be placed around the Tiger Statue in Palmer Square. Proceeds from the sale of the bricks, which will be inscribed with the names of past and present Princetonians, will support the Memorial Day Parade, July 4 fireworks, and Veterans' Day ceremonies.

Also in June, Council voted to adopt the 1999 budget, which increased the municipal portion of the property tax by two cents, from 58 to 60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

There were changes in the top ranks of administration at Borough Hall. In May, Council appointed Robert Bruschi as Borough administrator. He replaced Thomas Shannon,

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**JUNIOR HIGH BOMB SCARE:** A bomb scare at John Witherspoon School shortly after a tragic school massacre in Colorado resulted in the evacuation of all students and the arrest of a 12-year-old girl who had written a threatening note and thrown it in the garbage.

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### Planning Board

Perhaps the most controversial application to come before the Regional Planning Board this year was the Regent's Mead CCRC (continuing care retirement community) at the former Our Lady of Princeton site on The Great Road.

Neighbors vehemently objected to the size and bulk of the proposed CCRC, as well as to the environmental impact it would have on the Princeton Ridge. Finally, the Planning Board denied the application, stating that it lacked jurisdiction. Such jurisdiction would appear to lie with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

A second concept review for the addition to the Arts Council raised concerns about the addition's bulk, as well as its provision for parking. Arts Council officials cried "foul," saying that the first concept review did not alert them to these issues. They also raised the possibility that they would move to another (unnamed) site, away from 102 Witherspoon Street.

At year's end, the Planning Board was holding informal meetings both to clarify the

Township CCRC zoning ordinance and to see if the Arts Council, its neighbors, and others could come to a meeting of the minds on the addition.

### McCaffrey's Addition

Its first plan rejected by the Planning Board's Site Plan Review Advisory Board, McCaffrey's returned to SPRAB in November with a new plan for additions on the north and south sides of its current building. This appeared to meet many of SPRAB's concerns, and the Planning Board is expected to hear the revised application early in 2000.

Plans were approved for a complete makeover of the Whole Earth parking lot, which includes reconstruction of the entire lot and the addition of new curbs and walkways.

In the early part of the year, the Master Plan Subcommittee held a number of meetings on the future of the downtown. In June, it recommended that a new library building be built; that the Borough construct a garage; and that the Borough hire an independent developer/consultant to work on future development.

Princeton Day School was given Planning Board approval to move forward

with the renovation and realignment of its outdoor facilities and the construction of new fields. The multi-phase project will continue for the next five years.

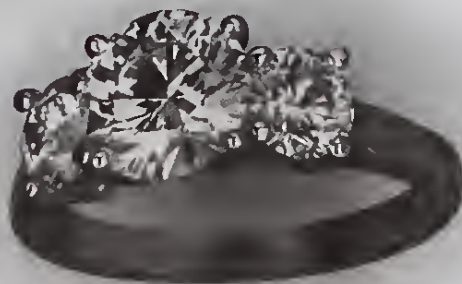
### New Nursing Home

Board approval was given in March for the construction of a new Princeton Nursing Home on Bunn Drive. When this is completed, the nursing home will leave its present Quarry Street facility.

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received Planning Board approval to build 109 housing units on a 65-acre site along Cherry Valley Road.

Among the Princeton University projects approved by the Planning Board this year were a new garage, a new social science building, an addition to Princeton University Press, and a renovation and expansion of the University boathouse.

## Affordable Housing

After a wait of more than a decade, a 16-unit low-income rental housing complex opened on West Drive in Princeton Township. The project, a collaborative effort among Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, and Princeton University, goes back to 1986, when the Borough was awarded a \$1.6 million HUD grant for the construction of low-income housing.

The townhouse complex, adjacent to the University's Lawrence Apartments and on land donated by the University, was named Karin Court in honor of Karin Slaby, who was the Princeton Housing Authority's executive director from 1963 to 1991.

### 12 New Units

Another long wait was ended in the Borough when Council approved a \$1.1 million contract for the construction of 12 housing units, six on Shirley Court and six on Maclean Street. Of these, half will be geared to people with low and moderate incomes, and the other half to middle-income households.

Princeton Borough purchased the Shirley Court and Maclean Street sites in 1986, with the hope of creating a total of 44 affordable housing units at the two locations. The reduction in the number scheduled for Maclean Street from 28 to six will allow a portion of the lot to continue

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## Downtown Remains Active As Stores Open and Close

Downtown Princeton, as it runs along Nassau Street from Bayard Lane to Harrison Street, taking loops down Witherspoon Street and Palmer Square, is always changing. This year was no exception, with stores, restaurants, and food shops opening and closing throughout the year.

By mid-December, **Colorado** had closed its doors, its final sale consisting of furniture and fixtures. The outdoor store opened on Nassau Street in early 1998, taking up about half the square footage of the late, but still-lamented, Woolworth's. The long-term lease was held by **F.W. Woolworth** (now Venator Corp.), which placed **Foot Locker**, another in its chain, in the second half of the Woolworth's store.

On Nassau Street, several storefronts remained dark and empty, just as they had been the year before. These included **Verdge Technology Diner** and the former **Edith's**, located west of the **Talbott's** trio.

**Twist & Turns**, which opened last year on the corner of Nassau and Moore streets, has closed, as has **Gypsy Horse** on Witherspoon Street and **Steilmann European Collection** on Hulfish Street.

**West Coast Video** took over the store next to **Wild Oats**, which had briefly held an **Eckerd Drug Store**. And **Pryde Brown** moved her photography studio next door to **Cox's** on Nassau Street, while her former studio on Hulfish Street was taken over by **Cellular One**.

This year saw the opening of a fish and seafood restaurant on Nassau Street, **Blue Point Grill**, and the closing of an upscale takeout food store, **Fork in the Road**, which had been located in the Orchid Center on Nassau and Olden streets.

New stores opening on Palmer Square this past year included **Yard & Co.** and **Mother & Baby Co.** **Wilkinson Interiors** opened on the western end of Nassau Street.

**Harry's Luncheonette** and **Jewels by Julianna** remain closed while the damage done to their Witherspoon Street building by a July 12 fire continues to be repaired.

On a happier note, **The Annex** celebrated more than 50 years of family ownership.

Changes at the **Princeton Shopping Center** during 1999 included the closing of **Encore Books & Music** in June, due to the bankruptcy of parent company, Lauriat's Inc.

In September, a discount book store called **Bargain Books & Music Inc.**, moved into the space vacated by Encore.

Bargain Books' Manager Den Mobley, said discounts at Bargain Books & Music will range from 20 percent to 90 percent, depending on the source of the inventory.

"A lot of our books will come from warehouse buyouts," he explained. "We'll pass the good deals along to our customers."

Another new store in the shopping center is **Ten Thousand Villages**, one of the largest alternative trading organizations in North America.

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## In Memoriam

Princeton lost many valued citizens during 1999. Among them were:

**Elizabeth G. Clark**, former president of the Small Animal Rescue League and of Princeton Nursery School; January 2.

**Jess Epstein**, 91, who helped design the first commercial television antennas and transmitters after World War II and who helped found the Princeton Jewish Center; December 30.

**Lilli Gettinger Hochswender**, 78, an artist who taught in New York, Washington, D.C., and Trenton, and whose work was shown in group and individual shows; January 16.

**Joseph Dean Pierson Sr.**, 90, who left an athletic record that remains unmatched at Princeton High School, scoring 70 touchdowns in his four-year playing career and in one season alone gaining more than 3,300 yards; January 31.

**Frances Follin Jones**, 87, curator of collections at The Princeton University Art Museum from 1943 to 1983; February 13.

**The Rev. Monsignor Edward C. Henry**, 86, retired pastor of St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, where he served from 1950 to 1977; March 6.

**Shirley Stagg Batchelor**, 76, who retired as acting head of the music department and coordinator of keyboard studies at The College of New Jersey and was the first person in the history of the Juillard School to take an academic degree and concert program simultaneously; March 20.

**Thomas Poultney Cook**, 88, deputy attorney general of New Jersey from 1949 to 1959, a member of Princeton Township Committee from 1960 to 1963; a four-term president of Princeton United Way; and a partner in the Princeton law firm of Smith, Cook, Lambert and Miller; March 18.

**Lawrence Volence**, 85, owner for more than 25 years of The Gift Shop of Princeton on Palmer Square; March 29.

**Edith Ashby Moss**, 76, who served as an elementary school teacher in the Princeton Regional School District and was a member of the Princeton Township Welfare Board; April 9.

**Lillian Hulit Hall**, 77, a working partner in Hulit's Shoes before retiring in 1988; April 11.

**Shirley Davis**, 86, former head mistress of Miss Fine's Preparatory School, Princeton; April 10.

**Dr. Bernard M. Schnur**, 82, a radiologist affiliated with St. Francis Medical Center, who practiced more than 50 years; April 25.

**Ruth Elizabeth Leahy Werner**, 86, a pioneer in the field of dental hygiene; April 12.

**Henry "Harry" Sayen**, 77, a columnist for the Trenton Times and former chair of the Mercer County Republican Committee, vice chair of the 1979 Consolidation Commission, and former member of the Regional Planning Board; May 10.

**Sheldon Judson**, 80, Knox Taylor Professor of Geology, Emeritus, Princeton University; May 19.

**Mary E. DeCore**, 91, who, with her

late husband, Arthur DeCore, were the proprietors of Jack Honore's Barber Shop on Palmer Square; May 22.

**Ruth Cortelyou**, 92, director for 50 years of The Farm School and Camp Rogapeki-J, which was attended by thousands of Princeton-area children; May 23.

**Jeanne Ostroff**, 77, co-owner with her late husband, Harold B. Ostroff, of Renwick's Restaurant in Princeton for many years.

**Lawrence Stone**, 79, renowned social historian of early-modern England and founding director of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University; June 16.

**Harriet Green Artzt**, 88, who co-founded and ran Le Cercle Français de Princeton; June 22.

**Charles Rosenblum**, 93, former head of the Radioactivity Laboratory at Merck & Co. and visiting senior research biochemist at Princeton University; July 2.

**Alan J. Karcher**, 56, who served two terms as New Jersey Assembly speaker and was chairman of the Mercer County Democratic Party; July 26.

**Margery D. Davison**, 80, charter member of the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad Ladies' Auxiliary and Princeton Engine Co. No. 1 Ladies' Auxiliary; July 22.

**Bobby Sheehan**, 31, Princeton High School graduate and member of the Blues Traveler band; August 20.

**Fred Porter**, 73, former Princeton Township police chief and Township committeeman; September 11.

**Julian J. Aresty**, 92, co-owner of S.P. Dunham and Co. and an active civic leader and contributor to the University of Pennsylvania; September 21.

**Eve F. Kraft**, 73, noted national tennis teacher and author, and first women's varsity coach of Princeton University; November 11.

**Datus C. Smith Jr.**, 92, editor of Princeton Alumni Weekly and director of Princeton University Press; November 17.

**Marianne Rees**, 68, who helped shape the character of Princeton through her efforts to bring affordable housing to town; November 19.

**Ashley Montagu**, 94, anthropologist and popular author; November 26.

**William S. Heckscher**, 94, art historian, medieval Latinist, and paleographer; November 27.

**Peggy Kerney McNeil**, 85, one of three founders of Stuart Country Day School and former president of the Trenton Times Newspapers; November 26.

**Karen Theilgard Knaefler**, 94, founder of the Princeton Area Stroke Club, one of the world's first clubs for stroke victims and their families; November 29.

**Sam Bard Trelman**, 74, widely known for his contributions to the field of elementary particle physics; November 30.

**Louis H. Sarrett**, 81, recipient of the National Medal of Science for the synthesis of cortisone; November 29.

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**PREPARING TO MOVE BACK:** Fire Inspector Bill Drake packs boxes in preparation for the return of Borough staff to the newly renovated Borough Hall in March.

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to be used for public parking. Habitat for Humanity purchased a house on Leigh Avenue from Princeton Township for one dollar, and is now in the process of rehabilitating it and converting it to two housing units for low-income families. The Leigh Avenue house is the second for Habitat in Princeton. Last year, Habitat completed the renovation of a house on Lytle Street in the Borough, which became home to a Princeton family.

**Princeton Township**

Two Democrats re-elected to their own seats on Township Committee — Phyllis Marchand and Roslyn Denard — were sworn in on January 3, 1999. Ms. Marchand, beginning her fifth term as a committeewoman, was elected to her second consecutive term as mayor; and Steven Frakt was elected deputy mayor — also serving for a second consecutive year. High on the committee agenda were plans for a new municipal complex. Bids on the \$12 million project were let in April; and construction contracts worth more than \$9 million were awarded in May. The Recreation Department, formerly located in the middle of the construction site, moved into its own building near the municipal pool.

Shortly before Christmas, the steel undergirding for the municipal complex structure was completed; and Township officials attended a topping-out ceremony, in which an evergreen was placed at the top of the framework to mark its completion. In May, the Committee approved a \$9.68 million operating budget to be raised by municipal taxes; and a \$4.8 million bond ordinance was introduced for capital projects, including repairs to 12 roads.

**The Deer**

A subject on Committee meeting agenda during the first few months of the year was a discussion of a method to curb the Township's deer population. In April, resident animal rights activists filed a suit against the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife, charging that special deer management permits — which the Township had sought in order to hold a "wildlife management" hunt on municipal property — were illegal. Also in April, an agreement between members of the Northeast Residents Association and the Township was signed, opening the way for the Weller Farm property to be developed into Smoyer Park. The Committee appropriated \$1 million for park development from monies con-

tributed by Stanley Smoyer. The Committee also passed an ordinance authorizing the

Township attorney to negotiate for removal of deed restrictions on land behind Elm Court, paving the way for construction of senior citizen housing there.


**Jasna Polana**  
In June, the Committee enacted an exhaustive ordinance regulating tournaments at Jasna Polana, the private golf club at Barbara Piasecka Johnson's 235-acre estate on Lawrence Road. The measure, drafted by Township planner Lee Solow, with input from the planning board and Jasna Polana personnel, required two years to prepare. The ordinance will require tournament managers to file a "tournament event plan" for any competition that brings 5,000 or more golfers into town. The plan must include information about parking plans and traffic patterns.

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temporary structures to be erected for the event, emergency services, trash removal and disaster control.

In July, the Township celebrated completion of the Griggs Farm development, New Jersey's only housing development in which half the units are designated for low- and moderate-income families, while half are market-rate units.

The 280-unit development, beset by developer problems and a housing-market crash, required almost 11 years to complete.

#### Human Services

In August, Human Services Department Director Liza Maugham resigned after seven months, claiming the job did not meet her expectations.

Created from the merger of the joint commissions on aging and civil rights, the local assistance boards, and youth services, the department is housed in a Township building.

The Township was, therefore, responsible for recruiting a new director. In September, it appointed Cynthia Mendez, former vice president of programs for the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton, as its new executive director.

The department, which runs the Crosstown 62 transportation program for senior citizens, agreed to privatize the program for a six-month trial period.

Starting October 1, the program, financed jointly by Township and Borough, began utilizing the services of AAA Taxi, Mondays through Fridays, from 9:30 to 3. Riders are still required to register with Human Services for the transportation.

The plan puts five taxis at the department's disposal, rather than the one department vehicle that was previously available.

#### 1999 Election

Republican challengers Dorothy Bedford and Barbara Russo lost to Democrats Steven Frakt and Bill Enslin in the November municipal elections. Mr. Frakt will begin his third term as a Committeeman next month, while Mr. Enslin, a 10-year veteran of the Planning Board and its former chair, will be sworn in to municipal office for the first time.

He will replace Michele Tuck-Ponder, who stepped down after two terms on the Committee. The Democrats ran on the strength of the Democratic record, emphasizing a commitment to open space and fiscal responsibility in their campaigns.

#### Princeton Public Library

Despite persistent questions about parking options at the library, the Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees created an architect selection committee in February to solicit bids on designs for a new library structure.

In April, Jackie Thresher, library director for more than 11 years, resigned to accept a position as director of the Nassau County Library system in New York.

Throughout the spring, the architect selection committee screened architect applicants; and a search committee reviewed library applicants.

The board appointed West Windsor resident and library consultant Leslie Burger as interim library director in June.

In July, two local architectural firms — KSS Architects and The Hillier Group — made presentations to the library board at a public meeting.

The Hillier Group, which proposed three separate project stages, was selected to develop the design.

The first phase — a review of various library siting options, was to be followed

by two other phases — design development and construction.

No details of any plans are yet available. The problem of adequate parking for library patrons who drive is a long-standing issue. Various solutions, including construction of a parking garage, have been discussed, but no clear-cut solution has emerged.

In October, Interim Library Director Leslie Burger was appointed to a permanent position as director of the Princeton Public Library.

She has engaged members of various target groups in the community in discussions of the library building project.

Starting on October 24, also, a brand new, state-of-the-art computer catalogue was installed in the library, doing away with the need for cards. The new system, housed on the World Wide Web, is accessible to viewers via computer.

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## Rain - Too Much or Not Enough



**WASH-OUT:** Several vehicles were stranded by September's Hurricane Floyd, including this van off Quaker Road.

It hardly rained last summer, prompting Governor Christine Whitman to issue a water emergency on August 5, establishing mandatory statewide restrictions on non-essential water use.

As crops withered, lawns turned brown, and cars got dirtier and dirtier, people could only look up at the mostly cloudless sky and wait, eagerly, for September's hurricane season.

Proving the old adage "be careful what you wish for — you just might get it" right yet again, Hurricane Floyd arrived on September 16 and dumped seven inches of rain on the region in a 24 hour period — with disastrous results.

The skies cleared by the 17th, but the storm's effects were still being felt. Flooding closed most major roads leading into or out of Princeton for at least part of the morning rush hour, leading to traffic jams that stretched for miles.

But the most inconvenient problem Floyd left in his wake did not become clear until late that morning, when Elizabethtown Water Company asked Borough and Township residents not to bathe, and to start boiling any tap water they consumed.

After flooding closed Elizabethtown's Bridgewater plant, which had treated much of the water used in

the area, a second plant was able to provide limited supplies of water. The water never stopped flowing from taps here, but reduced pressure in the water mains raised fears of contamination.

In the days following the flood, New Jersey received federal disaster relief, some of which came here in the form of bottled water, which authorities and volunteers passed out by the boxful next to Township Hall.

Elizabethtown managed to repair its Bridgewater plant after floodwaters there receded. The company pronounced its water safe on September 24.

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### Princeton Regional Schools

Turmoil caused by an unstable administration and they are close to naming a labor-management conflicts permanent superintendent;



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in the Princeton Regional board is expected to announce its selection early 1999 appears to have abated in 2000. [The post has been vacant since Marcia Bossart's departure in January 1998.]

As 1999 began, the PRS board also appeared to be closing in on a choice for district superintendent, following 11 months under the leadership of interim superintendent Daniel Swirsky. Dr. Swirsky, also the district's business administrator, declared his candidacy for the post late in 1998.

Three candidates appeared before the community in public forums in January. Following the withdrawal of the first two — Geoffrey Gordon and Gordon Smartschan — most observers believed Dr. Swirsky, would be a shoe-in.

The board not only declined to appoint Dr. Swirsky to the position of permanent superintendent; but in March,

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## Princetonians in the News

It is impossible to name all the Princeton residents who received honors or reached important milestones during 1999; but a partial list follows:

**Elias Stein**, Albert Baldwin Dodd professor of mathematics at Princeton University, received the 1999 Wolf Prize, one of the highest honors in the field of mathematics. The prize is awarded by the Israeli Wolf Foundation.

**Rick Stine** was named managing editor of Dow Jones News Service, the financial newswire for securities industry professionals.

The 1999 Leadership Award for early leadership of the Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor program was awarded to **Dale Mead**.

**Joel Lebowitz**, George W. Hill Professor of Mathematics and Physics at Rutgers University, received the Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Author **John McPhee** won the Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction for his book *Annals of the Former World*, a 696-page look at the geologic history of North America — written for a general readership.

Novelist **Edmund Keeley**, Charles Barnwell Straut Professor of English at Princeton University, was one of seven winners of a \$7,500 Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in New York, for his work as a translator.

**John N. Bahcall**, Richard Black Professor of Natural Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study and visiting lecturer with the rank of professor at Princeton University, received the National Medal of Science from the president, in a ceremony at the White House. The medal is the nation's highest technology honor.

**Rebecca Annitto**, 8, a student at Community Park School, was one of four winners in a nationwide contest among school children to design a patch for NASA's Genesis Mission. The unmanned space mission will be launched on January 7, 2001.

**Natasha Brunswick**, 90, held her first photography exhibit — in Hamburg, Germany, the city she left 62 years ago in flight from the Nazis. The images depicted pre-war Hamburg.

**Elihu Abrahams** and **Jean E. Taylor** were elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Abrahams is professor emeritus of physics at Rutgers University; Prof. Taylor has taught mathematics at Rutgers since 1973.

Princeton High School senior **Ray Wang** placed sixth in the 1999 U.S. Youth Essay Contest. One of only two high school winners in the nation, he attended the Hague Appeal for Peace International conference in The Netherlands in May.

In July, **Christine Grant** was sworn in

as New Jersey Commissioner of Health and Senior Services.

Princeton University Registrar **C. Anthony Broh** was appointed director of research by the Consortium on Financing Higher Education in Cambridge, Mass.

Princeton University neurobiologist **Joe Tsien** discovered that adding a gene to mice boosts their memory and learning abilities; scientists say there may be a possible application to the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease in humans.

The New Jersey State Senate confirmed Princeton resident **Roland Machold** as the next NJ state treasurer.

Architect **Michael Graves** was selected by U.S. President Bill Clinton to receive the National Medal of the Arts.

Two Princeton University psychology professors — **Elizabeth Gould** and **Charles Gross** — found that neurons regenerate in the most advanced section of the brains of adult monkeys. Many see implications for the treatment of human brain injuries and disease in their discovery.

Author **Margery Cuyler** published her 25th children's book, based on Revolutionary War history in Princeton.

**Julie Drawbridge**, assistant professor of biology at Rider University, received a research grant of \$264,534 to support her study of the role of the kidney in the production of human cancer.

**Jocelyn Helm** received the fourth annual Leslie "Bud" Vivian Award for Community Service from the Princeton Area Community Foundation.

**Thomas Stix**, professor emeritus of astrophysical sciences at Princeton University and former associate director for academic affairs at the Plasma Physics Laboratory, received the "Distinguished Career Award" from the Fusion Power Associates Board of Directors.

Retiring in 1999 were several individuals whose job performance made a difference in diverse fields.

**Daphne Pontius Townsend**, executive director of the Drumthwacket Foundation for 15 years, announced her retirement, effective December 31. Under Ms. Townsend's leadership, the governor's private apartments on the second and third floor of Drumthwacket were totally refurbished; the gardens were largely restored; and the collection of early American furnishings at the governor's mansion was substantially augmented.

**Daniel Swirsky**, business administrator for the Princeton Regional Schools for four years and interim superintendent from February 1998 to April 1999, announced he would leave the district at the end of the year.

Princeton Public Library Director **Jackie Thresher** resigned, effective June 4, to take a new job as director of the Nassau County Library system in New York state. She had led the library for more than 11 years.



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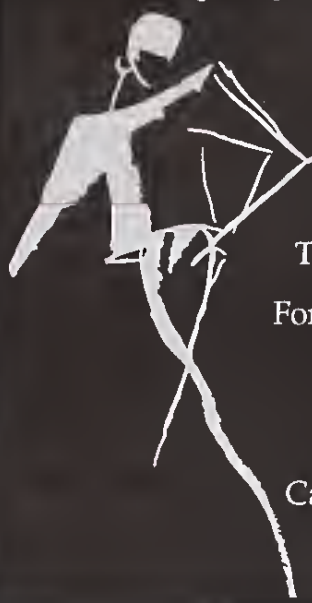
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members voted for his removal as interim superintendent, declaring that his lack of experience as a superintendent, was a primary reason for their action.

Outraged parents and staff members started a short-lived campaign to recall board members who had ousted Dr. Swirsky. [He has since announced his resignation, effective December 31].

At the end of March, the board appointed Dr. Marasco, a former superintendent of the Monroe Township Public Schools, with 20 years' experience as an administrator, to the interim superintendent's post.

Predicting that Princeton Regional would have an administrator within six months, Dr. Marasco moved into the superintendent's office on April 8, shortly before the school board elections of April 18.

The three incumbents up for re-election — Ricardo Bruce, Gina Kolata, and Michael Littman — all declined to run again. They were replaced by Frank Strasburger in the Borough; Jeffrey Spear and Barbara Prince in the Township. All three campaigned on platforms of board responsiveness to the community.

Voters approved a school budget of \$38.9 million for 1998-99. Jack Marrero was re-elected president of the board for the third consecutive year; and members voted to make Charlotte Bialek the vice president.

Ms. Bialek announced that she would re-convene the board's long-range planning committee as a task force to explore options for expansion of school district facilities and to report to the board by the end of November.

### PREA Negotiations

During the first few months of 1999, the Princeton Regional Education Association and the school board met several times with a mediator, in an effort to resolve a longstanding contract dispute. Working without a contract since June 1997, teachers engaged in a work slow-down and announced they were looking for a strike headquarters.

In May, an analysis of the budget by the board's finance committee and Dr. Marasco revealed that the district had no funds to pay teacher health insurance premiums



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for the last month of the 1998-99 academic year, let alone any projected increases for 1999-00. There were also no funds for salary increases in 1999-00.

The board approved massive teacher and instructional aide layoffs as a budget-cutting measure; setting off protests from the minority community that the cuts targeted minority children. Dr. Marasco promised that some adjustments would take place.

In mid-June, the teachers' union ratified a four-year settlement with the school board, giving them an average wage increase of 3.5 percent over the contract period. It was a year and a half since negotiations had begun on a 1998-99 contract. A contract with the administrators' union followed shortly.

The board appointed Jeffrey Graber, former superintendent of the Woodbridge schools, to the position of assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. He replaced Bob Ginsberg, named principal of Johnson Park School.

#### Long-Range Planning

With the budget deficit partially addressed, contracts with staff unions in hand, and two key administrators in place, the board was finally able to focus its attention on other matters — including the fact that all schools were operating at capacity or beyond and there was no

relief in sight.

In August, the long-range planning task force suggested that a referendum might be needed in April 2000, to provide the district with funds for construction of facilities adequate to educate children in the new millennium.

Also, in August, Dr. Marasco revealed that the district had over-spent the 1998-99 budget by more than \$1 million and that no surplus remained. All capital projects were placed on hold; and a new petty cash policy in which expenses were scrutinized and limited was instituted. Board members decided to meet only once monthly in order to focus on committee work.

#### Special Education

In September representatives of the federal and state education departments announced a pilot project to reduce the numbers of minority children in special education in the Princeton regional schools.

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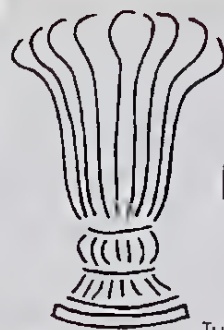
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Shortly thereafter, the administration authorized the hiring of additional hourly aides and substitutes, and announced plans to recruit parents as substitute teachers.

As the year drew to a close,

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also, Student Services Director Charles Bryant proposed bringing a number of special education students now educated outside the district back into the PRS system.

The board established a partnership with the Princeton Nursery School and the multicultural pre-school program at the YWCA to enhance the community's early education programs for low-income children.

## Police, Fire, EMTs Ring in 2K at Work

New Year's is no holiday for many Borough and Township police officers, fire fighters, and emergency personnel.

Though authorities do not foresee widespread Y2K problems, both police departments will have extra staff on duty on New Year's Eve, and have officers available in case they are needed the following day. The Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad will have members available, and the fire department will have fire fighters "in house."

The office of emergency management, which serves both Princetons, has been preparing for the date change for more than a year, and have ensured that the computers, and other communications systems used by the police, firefighters, and the first aid and rescue squad are Y2K compliant, according to a police press release.

## Princeton Day School

Graduates returned in large numbers for Princeton Day School's centennial celebration during the weekend of October 1-October 3. Gala events included student performances, an educational symposium, a special Alumni Follies performance, a gourmet dinner, and a huge birthday cake for the entire school community.

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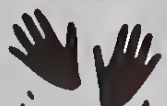
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## Planning Recommendations

The planning task force presented its final report to the board of education at a special meeting on November 30. It recommended attention to deferred maintenance, the addition of staff, renovation and expansion, and updating technological equipment. It stressed, as well that the greatest need for expansion is at the high school, which is already operating at capacity.

The report did not propose a specific funding mechanism. Instead, it called on the board to continue planning as a regular part of the board process and to develop a strategic plan involving all district "stakeholders."

Once a new superintendent is in place, board action on the report is expected.

## Charter School

The lottery for admission to the Princeton Charter School for 1999-00 took place on March 5, at the school. Classes started on September 7, two days before the opening of the Princeton Regional Schools, with 184 students in grades 2 through 8. Spanish was offered in the upper grades in 1999-00, along with French, which children study at every grade level.

## Private Schools

A new Roman Catholic school for boys, the Academy of the Sacred Heart, opened in the former Princeton Montessori School at the Our Lady of Princeton site, in September, with 34 students in kindergarten through third grade. Plans call for the school to expand through the eighth grade, as soon as possible.

The headmaster, Olen Kalkus, was recruited from the American International School in Prague, Czech Republic, where he spent five years as Upper School principal.

The school, designed to be a companion school to Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, an all-girls school, will pay expenses to Regent's Mead, owners of the property, and will also make minor improvements to the property.

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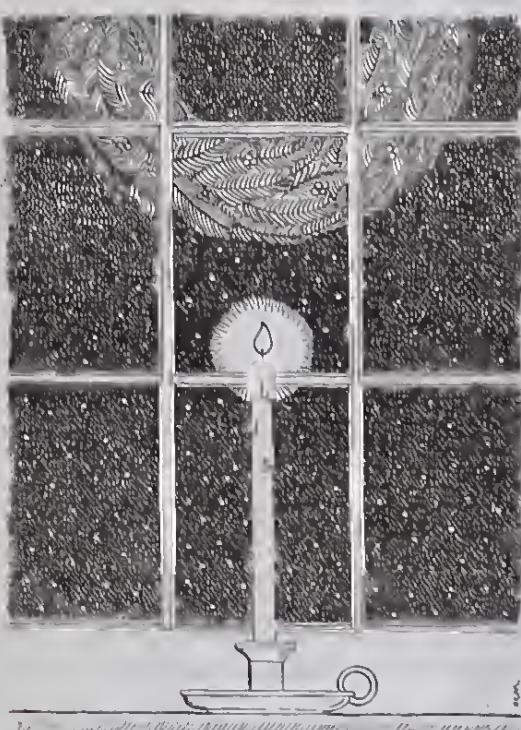
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## Hospital Zoning

Last December, Township Zoning Board members voted against the Medical Center's application for a variance that would permit the hospital to use five houses on Harris Road as offices.

They rejected the hospital's argument that its use of the houses was an "inherently beneficial" use that deserved to continue. The homes have been used as offices for a number of years.

As soon as it could legally do so, the hospital filed an appeal of the zoning board decision. On February 22, 1999, Mercer County Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg granted a temporary stay, allowing the Medical Center to continue using the homes as offices, pending her ruling on the arguments.

Residents claimed during the zoning board hearings that any office use compromises neighborhood property values.

They also insisted that the houses are an important "buffer" between the hospital and the Harris Road neighborhood, but that the buffer is diminished by office use.

In June, Judge Feinberg ordered the zoning board to re-consider its denial of the application. "She found that some back office activities might be inherently beneficial because they were so intimately related to the Medical Center," according to Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer.

It took them until August, but after deliberating twice in closed session, zoning board members decided that, rather than comply, they would appeal Judge Feinberg's ruling.

"The zoning board felt that to accept the ruling would set a terrible precedent," according to Mr. Schmierer, "which could open the way to all kinds of possibilities."

The fact that the houses are vacant at night makes matters worse, according to neighbors; they also say that a "neighborhood" atmosphere cannot be created on a block that is 50 percent offices.

Residents first complained to the Township in 1995, that the hospital was using the houses as offices. Because planning board members could not reach a

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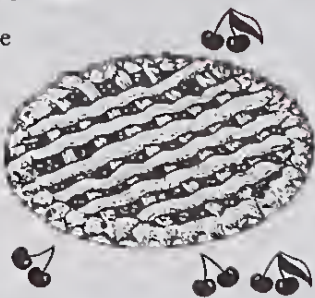
2 cans (1 lb. each)

pitted red tart cherries, drained

1/4 tsp almond extract

2 tsp Kirsch

2 tbsps butter



Prepare pastry. Stir together sugar, flour, cherries, almond extract and Kirsch. Turn into pastry-lined tart pan; dot with butter. Cut top crust into lattice strips and arrange over cherry mixture. Cover edge with 3 inch strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Remove foil last 15 minutes of baking.

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decision on the matter then, it was remanded to Township Committee, which voted to adopt an ordinance removing hospital uses in residential zones.

The Medical Center then applied for use variances on several of the houses, forestalling enforcement of the new ordinance.

It was not until 1996 — after the hospital began using all the residences now in question — that the Township adopted a restrictive Master Plan that confined Medical Center uses to the hospital itself.

Following the zoning board's appeal of Judge Feinberg's decision, the hospital decided to appeal the Township's Master Plan amendment.

"Both appeals are pending before the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division," Mr. Schmierer explained. "Arguments probably won't occur until late spring; and we don't expect a decision until summer."

## Nude Olympics; Not Y2K Compliant

A cheeky chapter in Princeton University history will come to a close with this winter's first snowfall.

Or will it?

The few snowflakes that fell in mid-December set off a flurry of discussion on Princeton's campus about whether some sophomores would defy the ban which school administrators placed on the Nude Olympics after 10 students were hospitalized when last year's event degenerated into drunken chaos.

The university has promised a one-year suspension to anyone caught participating in Nude Olympics-type activities. Disappointed at their class' inability to carry on a two-decade-old streaking streak, sophomore class officers have been trying to devise an alternative event — one

that would capture the perceived spontaneity of the Nude Olympics, but would still be palatable to school officials.

Whether this new event will capture the school's imagination like the Nude Olympics did remains to be seen. As of yet, no event has been announced. And as the mercury drops, the question grows, what will happen on campus when it snows.

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During their survey I wonder if the Commission asked whether the respondents knew that in most of the surrounding areas you do not need a cable top box for which you are charged a monthly fee per box, that in other communities you can watch one program while recording another without having to connect expensive and confusing equipment to your TV, and that other cable companies have two-way high speed cable connections for your computer which does not require you to have a second phone line? In the report no one voiced such limitations but I certainly would have.

The Commission is getting ready to negotiate a new contract in the next two years. RCN wants a contract for 15 years! Given their poor performance over the last contract I wonder why they should be even considered. Certainly any new contract, regardless of who it is given to, should be for the shortest time possible given the rapid advancement of technology. Under the law the Commission can't do much about the charges but they sure can insist that the cable company give Princeton a lot better system than it has.

I asked some members of the Commission what they were doing to get better service and they responded with the advice that it was up to the residents to voice their views and objections. Well this is an objection to the second rate Cable/TV service we receive in Princeton. I urge everyone who shares my disappointment with RCN to make their views known, both to the Commission and to RCN.

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## Open Space "Friends" Forget How Much Our Community Needs Senior Housing

To the Editor of Town Topics:

We are appalled by articles in local papers revealing that a group calling itself "Friends of Coventry Farm" plans to raise money to purchase not only Coventry Farm but every other sizable piece of property in town including Our Lady of Princeton, the Gulick tract, the Johnson estate on Rose-dale Road and even Herrontown Woods for "open space."

These misguided do-gooders are even looking greedily at the revenues from the recently passed open space tax to further their cause. Princeton seniors voted for the open space tax and now we are asked to watch it used to deny us land needed for senior-appropriate housing.

Open space is as admirable as motherhood, apple pie and the flag, but there are many other admirable and essential causes, too. What about senior-appropriate housing for the longtime residents of Princeton who helped build our community, served as volunteers on boards and commissions, and worked to contribute their energy and expertise? If we are to retain these valuable citizens we must provide market-rate dwellings for those who are ready to downsize but don't want to leave the Princetons.

The Coalition for Senior Housing in Princeton has been struggling for five years to make this point to Township and Borough officials and to the Regional Planning Board. This has been a frustrating experience for the Coalition. Time and again we have been paid lip service, but we've noted that the feeble efforts — senior overlay ordinances, for example — have often not been adhered to. Lost opportunities to provide senior housing include Tusculum, the shopping center tract on Terhune Road and the Arcaro tract. Are we going to lose Coventry Farm and Our Lady of Princeton as well?

At the present time there are two proposals: the Hillier Group at Coventry Farm and Regent's Mead at Our Lady of Princeton. We urge these property owners and developers to stand fast and to negotiate zoning questions with governmental bodies and neighbors. The Hillier group's proposal for Coventry Farm includes provisions for open space and for age-restricted housing, and we believe it is an excellent plan. The FAR (floor-area-ratio) questions at Regent's Mead can certainly be resolved with flexibility and good faith by everyone involved.

Frankly, we are tired of hearing that Princeton's seniors should be able to stay here, followed by the same old, tired arguments: don't build in my neighborhood because I don't want my view ruined, I fear more traffic, the project is too big. Hogwash! Let's recognize this for the NIMBY ploy that it is.

Let's look to the future: our community needs both — open space and housing for today's seniors and for the vast numbers of rapidly aging baby-boomers.

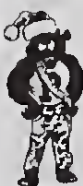
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## Turnout at Anti-Violence Vigil Indicates Deep Concern Over Easy Access to Guns

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

Thank you for your page three photo with caption of our December 18 Vigil Against Gun Violence in your December 22 edition. The strong turn-out for the vigil, even during the rush of the holidays, shows that most citizens are deeply concerned about the easy access to guns which results in 13 children per day dying at the hand of a gun.

There was an omission and an error in your caption, which I wish to rectify for your readers. The omission was of the lead sponsor and organizer of the vigil, the Coalition for Peace Action, and of one of the co-sponsors, Ceasefire New Jersey.

The error was that the state law we were advocating, the Childproof Handgun Bill, would mandate built-in technology that enables only the legal adult buyer of a handgun to fire it. The mandate that requires safety locks to be sold with all handguns, mentioned in your caption, was already signed into law this fall. However, safety locks — essentially padlocks on the trigger of a handgun — requires the buyer to remember to use the lock, and to keep the key inaccessible to children. The bill we're advocating would go much further by having such features be inherent in the gun itself, therefore not being subject to human frailties.

Again, thanks for your coverage before and after our Vigil. Any reader wanting more information or to get involved in efforts to prevent gun violence among our children can contact the Coalition for Peace Action, 40 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08542; e-mail [cfpa@etcomm.net](mailto:cfpa@etcomm.net); phone 924-5022.

THE REV. ROBERT MOORE  
Executive Director, Coalition for Peace Action

## Campaign to Buy Up All Open Land Will Deny Seniors Chance to Stay Here

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

This letter is addressed to some very caring people: Friends of Princeton Open Space, members of the Joint Environmental Commission, D&R Greenway, Mercer County Open Space Advisory Committee; Historic Preservation Commissions and others devoted to preserving Princeton's open space.

How wonderful it would be if all our choices were simple. Good or bad, hot or cold, factory or park, developments or playing fields. Unfortunately our choices are not always that simple. The stories in last week's local newspapers and the appeal for funds in a letter from the Friends of Princeton Open Space demonstrate how people with the best intentions can appear somewhat myopic. A Millennium Campaign is being established to buy up all the large remaining properties in Princeton Township. An admirable goal but at whose expense? I'm not talking of financial expense but at the expense of the lives of people.

We are all aware of the added costs of housing developments. More children to educate, more roads and sewers to maintain, the need for more municipal services, etc. On the other hand what about the senior citizens in Princeton who are forced to leave their hometown and, in many cases, their state, in order to find suitable senior housing or a continuing care retirement community. Granted, some open space would have to be built on to accommodate these people. These are people who have helped build and preserve Princeton in many ways for many years and still continue to do so. This kind of accommodation can be a profitable one for the host municipality. Why do you think so many other communities are so eager to roll out the welcome mat for seniors?

Can't the caring people of Princeton be as protective of our senior citizens as we are of our open fields? Can't we fight for the survival of our senior population as we fight for the survival of our trees? Can't we look into the future enough to see ourselves being pushed out of Princeton? Can't we see that we have enough open space to satisfy Princeton's commitment for open space and still make some room for one of Princeton's most valuable assets: its senior citizens.

I urge you to modify your demands and be supportive of senior housing and a continuing care facility while you work to preserve as much open space as is both possible and practical.

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## Tarring & Feathering in Order?

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

In response to a filler which you ran in TOWN TOPICS, dated December 22, page 50: "Squirrel in the Bird-feeder? Whack 'im with Town Topics. Bag 'im in the plastic sleeve.

You deserve to be tarred in peanut butter and feathered in birdseed!!

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## In Past 15 Years, 'Perfect Place to Live' Has Lost Its Serenity, Peace and Calm

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

### Montgomery Township's Idyllic Beauty 9/87

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Where are those "rolling hills full of urban nature"? They are housing developments. What about the "wildlife"? Dead deer on the side of the road. "Serenity," "Peace," "Calm"? I think not! I think traffic, traffic, traffic!! It has now become very much touched by "metropolitan chaos and confusion."

What happened to my "preservation of a quality of life"?!! I will tell you. It was washed away by all the construction and by the Millstone River, just like my home was a number of weeks ago with "Floyd"! To add to all this change, the taxes are unconscionable, my husband and I have no garbage pickup, no city sidewalks, sewers or water, and no children in school. Can this change? I really do not know, but I am willing to give Jim Irish the chance. Perhaps he can bring back some of the "Candor." I sincerely hope so.

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**Global Cinema Cafe To Offer Screening Of Film on Cuba**

The Global Cinema Cafe will offer a free screening of *Tuning with the Enemy*, a film that examines the issue of United States and Cuba Solidarity, on Sunday, January 9 at 4 p.m. at Princeton University's Third World Center, located at 86 Olden Street. Guest Speaker Ben Treuhart, whose story is told in the documentary, will introduce the film and lead the post-screening discussion.

Piano tuner Ben Treuhart's personal, humorous and poignant story tells of organizing other tuners, musicians and music lovers to end the U.S. government embargo of Cuba — a blockade which has resulted in, among other things, damage to and loss of musical instruments in Cuba.

**Teen Arts Festival Coming to MCCC**

The New Jersey Teen Arts Festival will bring hundreds of Mercer County young people from 20 middle and high schools to the campus of Mercer County Community College in West Windsor on January 14.

The festival will give students an opportunity to showcase their talents, to be critiqued by professional artists and musicians, and to take master classes and workshops. The goal is to offer encouragement and guidance from educators and artists.

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In the United States, Mr. Treuhart raises donations and secures his cargo, which is then shipped separately and met in Cuba by himself, a cadre of fellow piano tuners and a museum restoration expert bent on finding a way to stop termites from ruining Cuba's pianos. After watching an exceptionally talented Cuban youth perform on an instrument that is virtually destroyed, one understands why Mr. Treuhart is so committed in spite of personal risks.

Made by two documentarians, Tricia O'Leary and Helen Gallacher, for British television, *Tuning with the Enemy* was shown primetime in London to excellent reviews in the London press.

The screening is co-sponsored by Hermanas: Sisterhood in Central America and the Caribbean and the New Jersey Network on Cuba.

The festival is not a competitive event so students are free to exhibit their artistry in a supportive environment. Every student who participates is a winner.

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upcoming theatrical productions. Kelsey is located at 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor.

Chorus Line audition dates are January 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. The cast includes 18 principals and 12 to 15 in the chorus. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, and are asked to prepare a song and monologue and be ready for assigned readings and dance work. Show dates are April 28, 29, 30 and May 1, 5, 6 and 7. For further information call Pierrot Productions at 737-3214.

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*The Importance of Being Earnest* will hold auditions on January 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. Show dates are March 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and should come prepared with a short monologue. For further information call the Kelsey Audition Hotline at 586-4800 ext. 3582.

*Pecos Bill* will hold auditions on January 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. Applicants should prepare a song and be ready for an assigned reading. Show dates are February 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. Roles are available for children. For information, call the Kelsey Audition Hotline.

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**"BACH FOR THE MILLENNIUM"** will be performed by The Dryden Ensemble Sunday, January 9 at 3 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium.

# Dryden Ensemble Plans Bach Concert 'For the Millennium'

The Dryden Ensemble will present "Bach for the Millennium" on Sunday, January 9, at 3 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall. The concert is the ensemble's seventh annual Bach Cantata Fest.

The program features Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 with soloist John Thiesen on natural trumpet and

three cantatas from Bach's early years in Leipzig scored for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass soloists with trumpet, flute, oboes, strings, and organ.

Cantata 115 *Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit*, is perhaps best known for its ethereal soprano aria, "Bete aber auch dabei." Both Cantata 78, *Jesu der du meine Seele*, and Cantata 147, *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*, are considered among Bach's greatest works. The opening chorus of Cantata 78, a masterpiece of contrapuntal art, is based on a chromatically descending bass line, typical of a Baroque lament.

Highlights include a delicate duet for soprano and alto accompanied by organ with cello and bass pizzicato and a joyful tenor aria with obbligato flute.

The concert concludes with Cantata 147, a work which is best known for the famous chorale setting, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," which closes the first and second parts.

There will be a pre-concert lecture by Bach specialist Pro-

fessor Michael Marissen of Swarthmore College one hour before the concert, at 2 p.m.

Vocal soloists are Laura Helmes, soprano; Lorie Grattis, mezzo-soprano; Timothy Leigh Evans; and James Weaver, bass. Members of the ensemble include John Thiesen, natural trumpet; Gwyn Roberts, recorder; Colin St. Martin, flute; Jane McKinley and Julie Brye, oboes, oboes d'amore, and oboes da caccia; James O. Bolyard, bassoon; Mary Hosteller Hoyt, Nancy Wilson, and Rachel Evans, violins; David Miller, viola; Lisa Terry, violoncello; Anne Peterson, double bass; and Webb Wiggins, chamber organ.

The concert will also be presented on Saturday, January 8 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Doylestown, Pa., located on East Oakland Avenue and Pine Street. For information or to request a brochure, call 466-8541. Call the Richardson box office at 258-5000 for single tickets only. Single tickets are \$20 and \$17. Tickets for students are \$5 on the day of the concert.

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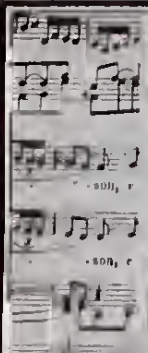
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Toy Story 2 (G): Fri., 4, 6:15; Sat., Sun., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:15, 9:30;  
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Bicentennial Man (PG): Fri., 1:30, 4:15, 7; Sat., Sun., 1:30, 4:15,  
7, 9:30; Mon.-Thurs., 5:15, 8  
Toy Story 2 (G): Fri.-Sun., 1, 3, 5, 7, 9; Mon.-Thurs., 5, 7, 9  
Green Mile (R): 4:30, 8, with 1 p.m. shows Fri.-Sun.  
Stuart Little (PG): Fri.-Sun., 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-  
Thurs., 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

### MARKETFAIR, 520-8700

Friday, December 31 - Thursday, January 6

The Green Mile (R): Fri., 12:15, 4:15, 6:15; Sat., Sun., 12:15,  
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Galaxy Quest (PG 13): Fri.-Sun., 1:10, 4, 6:50, with 9:40 shows  
Sat., Sun.; Mon.-Thurs., 2:10, 4:55, 8:05  
Being John Malkovich (R): Fri.-Sun., 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, with 10:10  
shows Sat., Sun.; Mon.-Thurs., 2:05, 4:45, 7:45  
Dogma (R): Fri.-Thurs., 4:20, with 10:05 shows Sat., Sun.  
Sleepy Hollow (R): Fri.-Sun., 1:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thurs. 2:20, 7:35  
Toy Story 2 (G): Fri., 12, 1, 2:30, 4, 5, 7:30; Sat., Sun., 12, 1,  
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Anna and the King (R): Fri.-Sun., 12:10, 3:30, 6:45, with 10 p.m.  
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All About My Mother (R): Fri.-Sun., 1:20, 4:10, 7, with 9:50  
shows Sat., Sun.; Mon.-Thurs., 2:15, 5:15, 8:15  
Dauca Bigalow (R): Fri., 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 7:45; Sat., Sun.,  
12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8, 10:20; Mon.-Thurs., 2:25, 5:25, 8:20

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Friday, December 31 - Thursday, January 6

Man on the Moon (R): 12:30, 3, 7:10, 9:50  
Stuart Little (PG): 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15  
Any Given Sunday (R): 12, 12:45, 3:15, 4:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:45  
World Is Not Enough (PG 13): 1, 4, 6:50, 9:40  
Bicentennial Man (PG): 12:05, 2:50, 6:20, 9:10  
Talented Mr. Ripley (R): 12:50, 1:30, 3:45, 4:20, 6:40, 7:15, 9:35,  
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Tumbleweeds (R): 1:15, 3:40, 6:45, 9  
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### Post Performance Party To Honor Audree Estey

The Nutcracker, as conceived by Audree Estey, founder of American Repertory Ballet and its affiliated Princeton Ballet School, is a long running show!

It has played annually for 36 years and has reached audiences of over one million. Thousands of Princeton area children have had a shot at roles ranging from mice (ages 4-7) to Snowflakes and the coveted role of Clara.

The long running production takes its final bow at McCarter Theatre at 4:30 on Sunday, January 2, and the organization is planning a tribute to Audree Estey who turns 90 in early January.

Along with a reunion of Nutcracker cast members past and present, ARB's artistic director Graham Lustig will unveil the model for the new Nutcracker which will premier next year.

Nutcracker cast members of the past are invited back

for a final bow and a post performance 90th Birthday party.

Nutcracker alumni should mention reunion party when ordering tickets to receive a special price. For tickets to any of the five remaining Nutcracker performances, December 29 through January 2, call the McCarter Box Office at 258-2787.

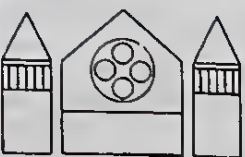


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## TOPICS Of the Town

### Was Robbery The Handiwork Of Serial Crook?

The robber who struck a Princeton bank on December 10 seems to match the description of a man the FBI says has robbed at least 18 other banks in the state since late 1998.

The bureau would not attribute the Princeton crime to the serial robber — dubbed the "Puffy Cheek Bandit" — but the Princeton crime bears striking similarities to many others attributed to him.

Along with his cheeks, which may constitute part of his disguise, the "Puffy Cheek Bandit" is known for committing his crimes in silence and without displaying a weapon.

"He passes notes, is very patient and doesn't say anything," said FBI spokesperson Sandra Carroll, who described the bandit as a black male age 25 to 35, 5'7 to 5'10, 200 to 220 pounds, with chubby cheeks. "Sometimes he's scruffy, sometimes clean shaven," said Carroll. "He's always worn a baseball hat, sometimes light, sometimes dark, with no insignia."

The Princeton robber, who robbed the Summit Bank branch at 370 Nassau Street, was described by police as a black male in his late 20s, about 5'8, heavyset with a round face.

The Princeton robber passed a note to a Summit teller. The note said the robber would start shooting people if he did not get money, according to police reports. The robber never spoke during the crime. He fled the bank on foot with about

\$2000, and has not been seen since. He wore a black leather jacket and a hat.

Borough police lieutenant Anthony Federico would not comment on the case, referring all questions to the FBI.

The "Puffy Cheek Bandit" gets around. He has struck in 12 counties, according to Carroll. He began his robbery string in late 1998, and has so far gotten away with more than \$50,000, which does not include the \$2000 he is alleged to have taken during the Summit robbery.

The FBI is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the serial robber.

—Albert Raboteau

### PGA Event Coming to TPC At Jasna Polana

The Senior PGA Tour is coming to Princeton.

The Tournament Player's Club at Jasna Polana will host the Bell Atlantic Classic from July 17 to 23.

It will be the first of what course officials hope will be many PGA Tour events at TPC at Jasna Polana — a 6800-yard, par-72 course which was designed by golfing legend Gary Player, and opened in June 1998 as the 15th TPC course.

"The Senior PGA Tour professionals should find this course quite challenging," said Player via a press release, "as it takes on a different personality each time you play it."

Senior tour members Tom Watson and Hale Irwin faced each other on the course in a Shell's Wonderful World of Golf match last summer, and both spoke highly of the facility.

"We are very pleased the Bell Atlantic Classic is going to be played at the TPC at Jasna Polana," said PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem in a press release. "We are confident it will please the players, sponsors and spectators alike."

News of Bell Atlantic Classic's move to Princeton from Hartefeld National in southern Chester County, Pa. leaked to the press on December 18, but the change in venue did not become official until the 23rd, according to John Buser, TPC at Jasna Polana's head golf professional.

Tom Jenkins won the event last year, and will be back, competing for a share of a \$1.3 million-dollar purse that officials hope will attract the senior tour's best.

The Bell Atlantic classic will enter its 16th year. For the past two years, it was held at Hartefeld National; before that, it took place at Chester Valley Golf Club in Malvern, Pa.

For event information, call (610) 239-2700.

### Correction

The selling price of a home owned by Anita Sathe, 8 Winfield Drive, and sold to Timothy Clawson, was incorrectly listed in last week's Real Estate Transactions section of Town Topics. The correct price is \$895,000.

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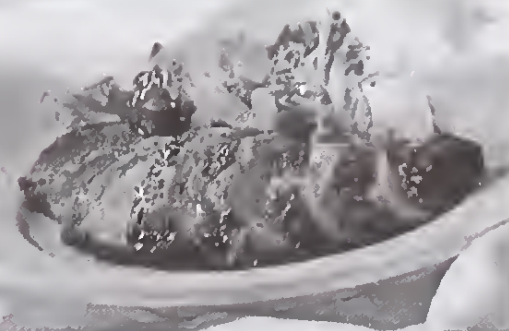
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Town Topics' editor and publisher, Donald C. Stuart III will remain at his desk from Thursday through Sunday to solve any Y2K problems that crop up during these four days. Donations of food and liquor to help him through this difficult time will be gratefully accepted. Only the finest Scotch, please, and shrimp rather than paté, thank you.

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### Police Say Lawrence Man Stabbed His Sister

A Lawrence man whose listed address is not far from the Princeton Township border was charged with criminal homicide in connection with the stabbing death of his sister in Dunmore, Pa. on December 26.

Brett Alan Keisling, 27, of Benedek Road was being held in Lackawanna County prison, according to Dunmore police captain Thomas Bradley.

Three Dunmore officers went to the apartment of Dawn Keisling, 28, of Dunmore, at 9:45 p.m. after a neighbor called and complained about a dispute there, said Bradley.

The officers found Ms. Keisling's front door open, entered, and found the victim lying on the floor bleeding heavily, said Bradley. Her brother was standing over her and appeared to be wiping his hands, according to the captain.

Captain Bradley said the accused ran into the kitchen upon seeing the officers, who drew their guns and followed him. When cornered, Mr. Keisling obeyed the officers' orders to lie down, and was handcuffed and arrested without incident.

Ms. Keisling was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital shortly after being taken there by ambulance. Bradley said Mr. Keisling suffered from a bi-polar mental disorder, and apparently had not been taking his prescription medicine. Bradley could not say what that medicine was. Authorities administered drug tests to Mr. Keisling, and were still awaiting the results, according to the captain.

Calls to Mr. Keisling's residence in Lawrence went unanswered. A Brett Keisling was listed in the Bell Atlantic phone book as living at 345 Nassau Street, but the number for that listing has been disconnected.

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Economic analyst George J.W. Goodman, also known as Adam Smith of Adam Smith's Money World, will speak on "Crossroads China 2001" at Princeton University's Center of International Studies on Thursday, January 6 at 4:30 in Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall.

Mr. Goodman will feature previews of a one-hour Adam Smith special that will air the following evening on WNET, Channel 13. Robert D. Hor-mats, vice chair of Goldman, Sachs International, and Minxin Pei, senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will join Mr. Goodman in a discussion of the program and the issues it raises.

Mr. Goodman sees China coming to a crossroads. In his PBS special, Goodman discusses the impending conflict between the top-down control of the communist apparatus in China and the rapid modernization of the country via the Internet. To keep its economy growing, China now needs world trade, technology, and for investors, the rule of law — all of which challenge traditional communist authority.

Mr. Goodman talks with Henry Kissinger, Yale professor Jonathan Spence, former ambassadors Winston Lord and James Sasser, the founder of Yahoo!, Jerry Yang, as well as Chinese artists, chefs, economists, and bureaucrats. Clips of those discussions will be shown at the Princeton seminar.

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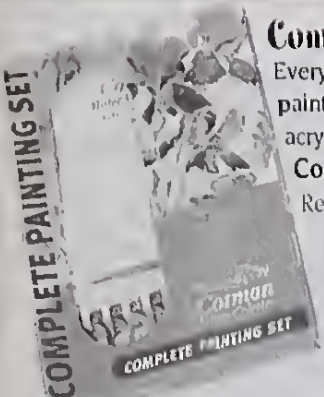
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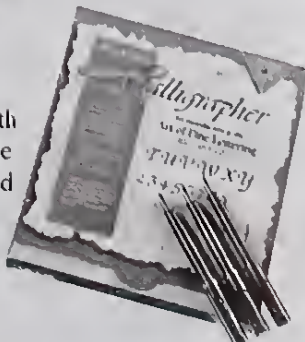
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## Photography Club 'Millennium Project' To Document Town

As the 1900's end and a new millennium begins, members of the Princeton Photography Club (PPC) have undertaken an ambitious voluntary "Millennium Project" to document Princeton landmarks and institutions at the turn of the century. They will photograph the natural and urban environment, commercial, public, and residential areas of Princeton.

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They hope, also, to compare the Princeton highlights they capture at the year 2000, with selected images from the past.

Founded in 1983 as part of the Arts Council of Princeton, the photography club is comprised of local professional and amateur photographers. During the Millennium Project, members will provide photographers — if needed or requested — to community groups that may want to document their own important images. The plan is that each group will designate a liaison to the club.

The photography club will make every effort to photograph buildings, structures and natural or man-made landscapes that have remained in continuous existence from 1900 to the present. It will also utilize the collection at the Historical Society of Princeton.

Provided with images of selected sites 100 years ago, club members will attempt to re-create the angles and position of the original images.

PPC is seeking funding from local sources to cover the cost of film, processing and printing, presentations and exhibitions. It is also soliciting in-kind services from local groups.

Using detailed maps of the Borough and Township, photographers plan to document designated locations. They

are free to use any format or film type they choose. Provided with a limited amount of film, they are also responsible for obtaining more, as needed.

Members plan to document each season during the period of the project. Area commercial photographers and photography teachers at local schools and colleges are invited to participate.

Images will be exhibited throughout the area during 2000 and 2001. Religious organizations may mount their own exhibitions; schools and educational institutions, as well, may exhibit work done by their students.

The Photography Club meets at the Princeton Arts Council at 7:30 on the second Wednesday of every month, September through May. Programs include field trips, visits from teachers and professional photographers, critiques of member's work; and tips on technique.

For more information about the Millennium Project, call PPC President Larry Parsons, at 951-0900; or Sally Davidson, at 683-7717.

## Exhibits

From January 4 to February 26, the **Montgomery Cultural Center**, 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman, will sponsor an exhibition of new paintings by students in the nonprofit Artistic Realization Technologies (A.R.T.) program, developed by Belle Mead resident Tim Lefens. The public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, January 9, from 1 to 4.

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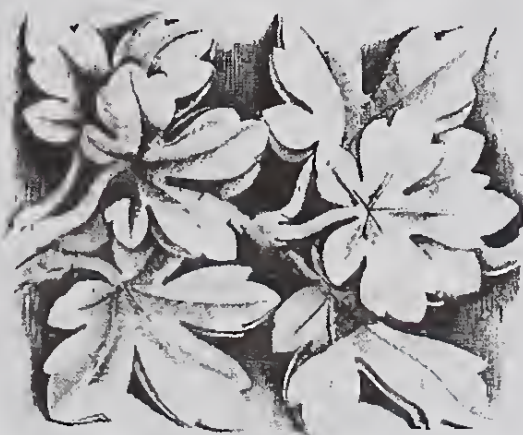
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## SPORTS

### Rocca Missed in Princeton Loss At Xavier University on Monday

To say Princeton men's basketball entered Monday's game at Xavier in less than ideal circumstances would be putting it mildly.

Xavier (8-2) was riding high after upsetting then No. 1 Cincinnati nine days earlier, while Princeton (6-6) was coming off a one-sided loss to Kansas.

Even worse, the Tigers had to make do without senior co-captain Mason Rocca, who is sidelined indefinitely by bone spurs and a sore tendon in his right ankle. Rocca has been called the heart and soul of the team, but, judging from how his teammates performed in his absence, they have a lot of heart too.

Though it lost, Princeton gave the surging Musketeers — expected to crack the top 25 any day now — all they could handle before falling 58-54 before a crowd of 9,443 and many more watching on ESPN 2. Though it never led after scoring the first basket of the game, and fell behind by large margins several times, Princeton just would not go away.

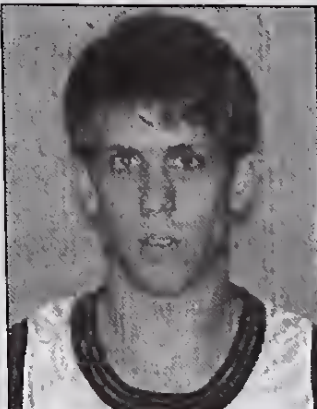
The Tigers came from 12 points down to tie the game 34-34 four minutes into the second half. After Xavier built its lead back up to 46-37 at the 9:45 mark, Princeton went on a 10-3 run capped by center Chris Young's thunderous dunk on an alley-oop pass from Ahmed El Nokali at 5:38.

But every time Princeton came close, Xavier was able to distance itself. Princeton never got the big shot that would have put it over the hump. C.J. Chapman missed an open three-pointer with 1:57 left and Princeton down 55-51. Ahmed El Nokali missed a layup with 34 seconds remaining and Princeton down by that same score. Even Spencer Gloger, who shot 5-for-7 from beyond the arc in the second half, had both his misses down the stretch.

Xavier's quick players did a good job of getting out to the perimeter to contest shots, but left the back door open for Princeton cutters. Nate Walton took advantage, and dished out six assists.

Sophomore guard Mike Bechtold finished with a career-high 11 points, including five during Princeton's 12-0 run to tie the game at 34. Young, who had been in a scoring slump before posting 20 in an 82-67 loss to Kansas on December 22, excelled again, with 16 points, eight rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Gloger scored 15 of his team-high 17 points in the second half. After scoring a layup for the game's first points, he picked up three quick fouls and sat out all but two minutes of the first half. He has made 36 of the 70 three pointers he has put up this season.



Mason Rocca  
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Gloger and Bechtold (3-for-5) were the only Tigers to shoot well from three-point land. Chapman went 0-5; Young was 0-4; and El Nokali shot 0-3.

Kevin Frey led the Musketeers with 14 points, 12 of which came in the first half. He also had 11 rebounds, helping Xavier to a 42-31 edge under the boards. Rocca is the Tiger's best rebounder, and his presence was sorely missed in the paint.

Princeton will host Holy Cross at 2 on December 31. Rocca may have to undergo surgery. If so, he could be out until at least February and would miss most of the first portion of the Tigers' Ivy League schedule.

Judging from how they played without him at Xavier, Princeton should still be a notch above its early league opponents. But it would certainly help to be at full strength when Ivy favorite Penn comes to Jadwin on February 15.

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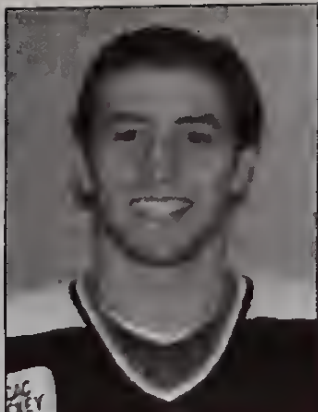
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**Princeton Hockey Beats Notre Dame A Second Time**

It seems so long ago that it feels like old, old news, but considering the lack of coverage in other area newspapers, it may be news to many Princeton hockey fans that the Tigers beat Notre Dame in the second contest of their two-game series way back early last week.

Coach Don Cahoon's troops followed up Sunday, December 19th's 4-3 victory with a 4-2 triumph on Monday, the 20th, to pull within one game of the .500 mark. Their overall record is 5-6-3, 3-2-3 in the ECAC. Notre Dame's record fell to 7-11-2.



**POINT MAN ROLLS ON:** Sophomore defenseman David Schneider continues to pile up the points. He had three assists in Princeton's second win over Notre Dame last week.

The Fighting Irish fired 17 first-period shots on Dave Stathos, but just one got by him, a power play tally at 5:17, with Dave Bennett off the ice for roughing. Stathos had his hands full for the first 20 minutes, because six of his teammates found their way into the penalty box. Overall, Old Nassau was penalized 12 times for 24 minutes, while Notre Dame racked up 11 infractions for 22 minutes.

That 1-0 lead held up until 7:30 of the middle stanza when Kirk Lamb set up Chris Corrinet with the tying score. The home team untied it less than four minutes later, but it took the Orange and Black just 46 seconds to make it 2-2. Brad Meredith notched his first goal of the season with Princeton skating five on four, assisted by Benoit Morin and David Schneider.

Late in the second period, the Tigers took their first lead of the night, aided by another

man advantage situation. Shane Campbell put the puck in the net for the fourth time this season, off passes by Lamb and Schneider. Given another opportunity early in the third, Princeton cashed in another power play (it was three of 10 overall), with David Del Monte scoring. Schneider picked up his third assist.

Stathos got a good workout, stopping 38 of 40 shots by Notre Dame. Princeton got off 25 shots, evenly divided over the three periods.

After Christmas break, Princeton will face Queen's University in an exhibition contest Thursday, December 30 at 7 p.m. ECAC action will resume the first weekend in January, when the Tigers travel to Cambridge and Providence to face Harvard and Brown on January 7 and 8. The next regular season home game will be Sunday, January 23 against UMass-Lowell.

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Princeton	3	2	3	9	5	6	3		
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Cornell	4	4	0	8	4	7	0		
Union	3	3	0	6	5	9	0		
Vermont	2	2	1	5	4	7	2		
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## Associated Press Gives All-State Nod To PHS Soccer Star

Dixon Hayes, a Princeton High senior, was recently named to the Associated Press' Boys' Soccer All-State First team.

The midfielder and tri-captain had 27 assists, tops in the county for the second straight year. He also netted seven goals.

But Hayes' role as a team leader was perhaps more impressive than his individual accomplishments. After losing most of its starting lineup from 1998, it was not clear last September whether the Tigers could continue to dominate their division.

Thanks largely to Hayes, it soon became obvious that Princeton could. The Tigers finished 16-2-2 and repeated as Colonial Valley Conference Valley Division champions.

### A Good Season

"The team's the first issue," said Hayes. "That's the first priority. The [individual] stuff is nice, too, but I'm more pleased with the way the season went."

Over the winter, Hayes plans to play for the Medford Strikers club team. He has one more season of lacrosse left at PHS, and has been admitted early to Princeton University.

He plans to join a university team that features former West Windsor-Plainsboro star Mike Nugent. "He's definitely a great player," said Hayes, who was looking forward to playing with Nugent, as opposed to against him. (They faced each other in high school competition during Hayes' sophomore season, and have also squared off in club play.)

University coach Jim Barlow has landed several talented recruits over the past few seasons. Led primarily by underclassmen, the Tigers reached the NCAA playoffs last season. If Hayes is any indication, this might be another banner recruiting year for Barlow.

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**ALL-STATE:** Dixon Hayes, who tallied 27 assists for PHS boys' soccer last fall, was recently named first team All-State by the Associated Press.

## PHS Girls' Hoops Beats St. Peter's For Win Number One

The Princeton High girls' basketball team got its first win in impressive fashion on Monday, downing St. Peter's 50-11 in the first round of the Hightstown Holiday Classic.

At press time on Tuesday, 1-2 Princeton was looking to reach .500 against South Hunterdon. One more win and the Tigers will better last season's 1-20 mark. Judging from last year, though, that may not be as easy at it sounds; PHS won its opener last season, and was frustrated in every game thereafter.

Molly O'Grady scored a game-high 11 points — her most this season — to pace the Tigers. Her teammate, Lindsey Brittain, followed closely with 10 points. Raswell Reed added nine points for the winners, who bounced back nicely from a one-sided loss to Hamilton on December 21.

Princeton took command early and led 16-4 after eight

minutes. It never faltered, and held its foe to just three points in the second half.

### Hamilton Loss

Hamilton used a 17-2 run in the second quarter to down Princeton 55-37 at PHS on December 21.

Melissa Baksany and Michelle Yenchick led the Hornet run with six and five points, respectively, in the quarter, which started with Hamilton up by a solid yet surmountable 15-10 margin.

By halftime the visitors led 32-12. Princeton never got out of that hole, though it rallied, somewhat, and was only outscored by two points in the third quarter. The Tigers outscored their foe 15-11 over the last eight minutes, but the game was essentially over long before then.

Raswell Reed scored 10 points in a losing cause. Meghan O'Grady added six points, as did Alyssa Shell. Baksany, a 6' forward who stands two inches taller than the tallest PHS player, led all scorers with 14 points. Jaime McCormack added 13 points for Hamilton, which improved to 2-0.

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**PIN COMING:** Princeton High's 130 pounder, Arnold Kim (top), prepares to pin his Lawrence foe, Lawrence Wong.  
(Photo by Albert Raboteau)

## PHS Wrestling Tied by Lawrence To Coach's Dismay

His team's season-opening tie with Lawrence did not sit well with PHS wrestling coach Matt Wilkinson, whose teams had beaten the Cardinals in each of his 13 previous seasons.

"That's like eating a great meal and throwing up afterwards," said Wilkinson moments after PHS heavyweight Alberto Marraquin won by disqualification, allowing the Tigers to escape with a 39-39 tie after trailing by 18 points with three bouts to go.

"I've never been in a match where both coaches, at the end, say 'Why did we just waste two hours,'" continued Wilkinson. "It would have been much nicer if somebody won — preferably us."

Wilkinson's smile, while vivid, doesn't really fit; if the match was a meal it was hardly great. The heavyweight bout, in which Lawrence's Brian Williams was called for stalling four times before being disqualified, was a dull but fitting end to a day of one-sided contests.

Lawrence took advantage of Princeton's inexperience in many of the lower weights, got several easy pins, and went up 39-21 when Matt DiChristafano pinned first-year PHS wrestler Emre Guzelso at 171 pounds.

Though he was clearly out-matched, Guzelso, fought hard — so hard, in fact, that he began hyperventilating as he was tapped out. After several tense minutes, he managed to regain his breath, but the Cardinals had clinched at least a tie, and it looked as if the wind had been taken out of Princeton's sails.

### Top Heavy Team

Princeton is a top-heavy

## Lady Bugs Defeat PHS Girls' Ice Hockey

The Lawrence Ladybugs, a club team, defeated Princeton High girls' ice hockey 6-0 on December 21 at Princeton University's Baker Rink.

The Ladybugs scored three goals in the first period, one in the second, and two in the third for a one-sided win.

Four PHS players — defender Sarah Affel, goalie Naomi Britt, and forwards Amanda Becan and Cristin Teifer — also play for the Ladybugs. Their sometime teammates did not take it easy on them.

The Tigers face Pingry at Lavino Rink in Lawrenceville on Monday at 3:45.

team. Most of its top wrestlers compete in the heavier weights. But it needed six-point wins from John Tiper-mas (189), Roy Williams (215) and Marraquin in order to tie.

The trio proved to be up to the task. Tiper-mas pinned Ryan Bell in 1:32, Williams pinned Dave Bosak, who did a little stalling of his own, at 5:16, and Marraquin did well to get six points from a foe who did little but sprawl on his belly and try to crawl out of bounds.

"This is the second year in a row that we've been relying on our upper weights," said Wilkinson. "That's too much pressure on them."

Princeton did have a few highlights in its lighter bouts: Chris Liu pinned Jason Sauro at 112 pounds; Arnold Kim did the same to Lawrence Wong at 130; and in the meet's hardest-fought bout, Tony Marchetta beat Allen Wilson 4-2 in overtime.

And then there was Bryant Ordoñez, who pinned Bryan

Ovally at 140 — a gutsy feat considering Ordoñez was hospitalized two days earlier for a bad reaction to medication. "For him to come out and do this, that's a testament to him," said Wilkinson.

But Wilkinson was not as proud of many of his other wrestlers, who he felt were not as competitive as they should have been. "We're as green as grass in patches," he said. "I'm going to have to get out the lawn mower. We can't be giving away presents like that. We were giving out Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza presents."

As the season for giving draws to a close, Wilkinson and company will be looking to do some taking at a four-day tournament at Jesuit High in New Orleans. They departed Monday.

—Albert Raboteau

## Hun Boys' Basketball Wins Game in Georgia

Hun boys' basketball handled St. Edwards on December 21, winning 71-57 to place third in the Augusta (Ga.) Prep Holiday Jamboree.

Kevin Garrity led the way with a game-high 15 points.

Ramon Auciello and Don Quinn scored nine points apiece, and Pops Mensah-Bonsu added eight for the winners, who have a talent-laden lineup but have to incorporate several new players this season and have struggled early.

Hun took over the game early, and led 20-10 after the first quarter. St. Edwards whittled the Raiders' 12 point halftime lead down six by the start of the fourth quarter. Hun put the game away with an 18-10 run down the stretch.

At press time Tuesday, Hun was gearing up to play in Trenton High's tournament, scheduled for December 28 and 29.

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## PHS Boys' Hoops Wins at Hamilton, Defeated at Holmdel

They call it a free throw line, but it sure can cost you if you keep sending your opponents there.

Princeton High boys' basketball found that out the hard way on December 23, when Holmdel made 14-of-14 free throws in the second half to down the Tigers 56-48.

Princeton entered the game on a high note, having notched its first win of the season two days earlier. After trailing Holmdel most of the way, the Tigers pulled within four points of their host with just under two minutes left in the game.

But PHS would come no closer, as Holmdel extended its lead — a point at a time — from the charity stripe. Princeton fell to 1-2. At press time it was playing in a holiday tournament.

PHS notched a moral victory of sorts in playing Holmdel so close. Holmdel was recently ranked among the state's top 40 teams, while Princeton, which won just three games last season, certainly was not.

Princeton seems to be much improved. Despite the loss, several players distinguished themselves against Holmdel: sophomore guard Joe Trapasso scored a team high 12 points; junior forward Bobby Davison scored 10 and grabbed six rebounds; and senior center Jeff McDermott had seven points, six rebounds and three blocked shots.

On December 21, visiting Princeton used strong outside shooting to down Hamilton. Princeton got nine points each from Trapasso, Davison and senior point guard Linwood Marshall. Sophomore guard Mark Rosenthal added seven points.

Trapasso sank three three-pointers, and Davison, who plays forward but is one of his team's best outside shooters, made one from beyond the arc.

Princeton trailed 31-29 heading into the fourth quarter; it outscored the Hornets



**STALLING:** PHS heavyweight Alberto Marraquin (top) tries in vain to turn over Lawrence's Brian Williams, who was disqualified for stalling in a decisive bout.

(Photo by Albert Raboteau)

16-11 over the last eight minutes to win 45-42. Princeton distributed the ball well, and won with balanced scoring. McDermott added seven points.

Nigel Herring, a senior guard, scored a game-high 11 points for Hamilton. The Hornets, who play an up-tempo, pressing style of basketball under first year coach Norm Paul, failed to rattle the Tigers.

Hamilton and Princeton had a lot in common heading into their meeting. The Hornets were 4-18 last season, the Tigers were 3-19, and both teams were blown out on December 17 in their 1999-2000 season openers.

—Albert Raboteau

## Bergen Catholic Hands First Loss To PHS Boys' Hockey

Princeton was not expected to beat state-powerhouse Bergen Catholic, so it was no great surprise when the Tigers fell behind 3-0 in the first period on Monday in the Lawrence Holiday Tournament at Ice Land.

The Tigers managed to surprise their favored foe, for a while at least, by storming back to tie the game by the time the first period ended. But Bergen Catholic, whose only losses last year came to a pair of state champions, rallied to win 7-3. Princeton's players may have been intimidated, but they should not

have been. Bergen Catholic (5-2) has already lost twice this year, and looked beatable, in the latter stages of the first quarter at least.

Kyle Hanson scored twice, and Eric Krieger tallied once to bring the Tigers back into contention. But Bergen Catholic scored three times in the second period, and formerly undefeated Princeton had no more than three goal comebacks left in it.

Bergen Catholic outshot PHS 29-18. Princeton's keeper, Travis Hall, made 22 saves.

At press time on Tuesday, Princeton (5-1-1) was gearing up for a consolation game. On Monday, it will play one of its toughest division foes, Notre Dame, at Mercer County Park at 5:35.

Princeton's season-opening win streak ended back on December 23, but the Tigers stayed undefeated at that time.

Mendham overcame a 6-4 deficit in the third period and tied the Tigers 8-8 in a game played at Princeton University's Baker Rink.

Jason Diamond scored a hat trick and had one assist to pace the Tigers. He scored twice in the first period as PHS opened up a 4-2 lead. Each team scored twice in the second period. Mendham's Chris Murdock tied the game in the third, and completed a hat trick in the process.

Hanson scored twice and had two assists. Princeton defender Mike Cifuentes had three assists. Krieger, Terrence Miller and Pete Foster scored one goal each. Krieger had two assists as well.

Princeton outshot its foe 28-25. Hall made 20 saves. His Mendham counterpart, Victoria Elkins, deflected 17.

On December 20, Princeton downed Montgomery 9-4. The Tigers scored five times in the first period to take command and never relinquished control, scoring four times in the second period to lead 9-3 by the second intermission. Montgomery scored the only third-period goal, but it hardly mattered by then.

No Tiger had a hat trick, but Foster, Hanson, Miller and Kevan Graydon netted two apiece. Hanson also had three assists. Diamond scored once and dished out one assist. Krieger had two assists.

Princeton outshot Montgomery 35-20, and overwhelmed Cougar goalie Matt Wronka, who made 25 saves. Hall blocked 16 shots.

—Albert Raboteau

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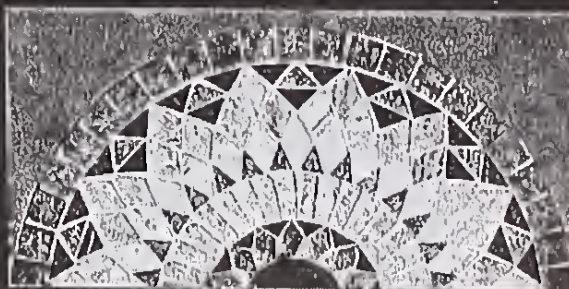
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### Feds to Monitor Police

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The Federal action will make New Jersey's force the first statewide agency in the nation to be supervised by a federal agency because of racial profiling.

State officials agreed to the outside monitor as part of a legal settlement known as a consent decree, signed by the state and the Justice Department. The settlement avoids a court battle.

### State HMOs Trail Others

New Jersey health maintenance organizations rate lower than regional and national HMOs in a number of different areas, according to a report from the state Department of Health and Senior Services.

There has been a steady decline in mental health follow-up care, according to the report. The state also lags behind national and regional HMOs in providing cancer and cholesterol screenings, and ensuring that diabetics receive eye exams, according to the report.

The report provides information on how well the eight largest commercial HMOs and seven point-of-service plans deliver health care and customer service. It does not cover Medicaid or the Medicare Managed Care programs. Governor Christine Whitman said the State Health Benefits Plan will use the report for HMO rate-setting.

To see the report, call the Office of Managed Care at 1-888-393-1062, or go to the Department website at [www.state.nj.us/health](http://www.state.nj.us/health).

### New Supreme Court Justice

State Supreme Court Associate Justice Marle L. Garibaldi, the first woman ever appointed to the high court announced last week that she will retire in February.

Governor Christine Whitman has nominated Jaynee LaVecchia, the Morris County attorney who has been Banking and Insurance Commissioner since August 1998, to succeed Justice Garibaldi.

If she is approved by the state Senate, Ms. LaVecchia will be Governor Whitman's fifth appointment to the court. The governor will be able to nominate a sixth Justice by May, when Justice Daniel O'Hern faces mandatory retirement at age 70.

### Rules Inflate Housing Costs

A state study has concluded that layers of government regulations and procedures that delay building permits inflate the cost of new homes significantly, causing the prices to escalate beyond the means of many Garden State residents.

The two-year study, conducted for the state Department of Community Affairs, estimated that red tape tacks \$10,000 to \$20,000 onto the price of a new home.

The study recommends reducing the number of public hearings needed and consolidating the process for plan review and permit approval.

Charles A. Richman, the department's assistant community affairs commissioner, said DCA had begun efforts to ease the regulatory process even before it received the study.



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**Borough Council**  
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permanent solution.

One hundred thousand dollars is the equivalent of an extra one cent of property tax — exactly the size of an open space tax that environmentalists are urging the Borough to institute.

This potential tax was also discussed at the December 21 Council meeting, during which Councilman Roger Martindell said the question of an open space tax should be placed on the ballot by voter initiative rather than by Council resolution.

An open space tax can be put on the ballot either by voter initiative or by Council vote. An initiative requires that a petition requesting a referendum be signed by 15 percent of those voting in the last general election.

Mayor Reed said he wouldn't want the open space tax placed on the ballot until there was a land acquisition plan "so that people would know what they would get."

"We should look to private funding to purchase the vast number of lands," said Councilman David Goldfarb. "I am opposed to raising money in advance to be used for open space."

**New Officers Named**

Council also approved the appointment of Christopher Tash as probationary patrol officer, effective January 3, and Ralph Fiasco, to the same position, effective June 1.

While he agreed to support the appointments, Mr. Martindell said he hoped there would be women in the next group of potential officers, since there were none in this pool.

Mayor Reed said the two appointees were the last to be selected from the current pool, and asked Police Chief Thomas Michaud and Borough Administrator Bob Bruschi to budget funds for another round of recruitment next year. It was clear that Mayor and Council hope to see more women in the next pool of potential recruits.

Council also approved a promotional process for the Police Department as it seeks to fill the posts of retiring chief of police and captain. The policy specifies that all candidates will be interviewed by the full governing body. This procedure will also apply to the selection process for promotion to sergeant.

**Nassau St. Designation**

In other business, Council agreed to contribute \$3,000 to the effort to have a ten-mile stretch of Route 27 (Nassau Street) nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The portion runs from the Raymond Road intersec-

tion in Franklin and South Brunswick townships to Franklin Corner Road in Lawrence Township.

Princeton Township, which has received a matching grant of \$24,233 from the State for the nomination, has contributed \$10,600 in funds and \$2,689 in in-kind costs. A contribution of \$3,000 has come from South Brunswick Township, and Franklin Township will contribute the same amount.

Nassau Street began as a dirt trail followed by Native Americans in the 17th century. Paved after the Civil War, it is one of the oldest roads in the state, if not in the entire country.

In 1760, King George III decreed that the right of way of the road must, unalterably, measure six rods, or 99 feet. The State continues to hold claim over a 99-foot width of road and sidewalk on Nassau Street.

Finally, the Borough tabled a request from Princeton Township that it operate the recycling center at the Princeton Shopping Center as a joint agency, with all costs and revenues to be shared.

A recent fire gutted the recycling center, and talks are presently under way at the Township on whether the center should be rebuilt.

"It is my understanding that a significant percentage of users of this facility are Borough residents, and particularly Borough merchants who use the facility to dispose of cardboard," James Pascale, Township administrator, wrote to his counterpart at the Borough, Bob Bruschi.

"There is no need for Borough residents to take advantage of this," said Mr. Goldfarb. "To the extent merchants take advantage of this, it should be built into a Business Improvement District."

"They do make money, and any revenues would be applied against cost," said Mr. Reed. Mr. Goldfarb replied, "Except in rare times, that place has not made money."

The Borough does not provide curbside pickup for commercial operations, and Mayor Reed said disposal of cardboard is a major problem for Borough merchants. "It is an issue with the fire marshal. They are supposed to keep it in fireproof dumpsters," Ms. Trotman responded, "It's a merchant responsibility."

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**QUESTION:** All this hubbub about the millennium! As if a New Year could make a big difference. I'm 55 and set in my ways. Isn't it true that you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

**ANSWER:** Unless you're dead, you can change. Admittedly, change is gradual. Therefore, the pressure about New Year's resolutions, perhaps worse this year due to the weight of looking back over 1000 years, is precisely what kills off the determination to start a diet or stop smoking.

The real intent is to think of New Year's as a wake-up call to the goal of a "New You". Actually, it is a "Better You", building upon past efforts and present strengths, rather than starting from scratch and inventing a new person. Try to remember that the pursuit of maturity and happiness is a PROCESS, not a PRODUCT.

God did not fall asleep on the day he created you. You have innate abilities to grow no matter how old you become. Oh, sure, the older you become, the more conditioned or set you are in your ways, but that does not imply that your mental and spiritual capacities are so limited that we might as well make a statue of you, as who you are is permanently set in stone. Nor does it mean that you are so great that you magically attained full maturity on that sunny day when you turned 55. No. To say that you can no longer grow is psychological laziness. You can grow until you take your last breath. Actually, in my therapy of others, those over 70 often grow faster as they realize there is no time to waste.

So, why not take this New Year's as an opportunity to take stock of who you are, and what issues upon which you would like to gradually work.

- **Do you have a temper?** Then try to express your anger calmly and with sensitivity, instead of holding it in until you explode or letting it leak out in sarcastic snipes.
- **Do you have trouble sharing your feelings?** Then try to open your heart so as to let others in, not trying to be Shakespeare in Love, just Good Ol' You. Those who love you are not looking for a Pulitzer Prize winning essay, just a window into your soul.
- **Do you wear a mask?** Then try to stop hiding behind what you think will make people like you, and realize that the real you is the real treasure.
- **Do you drink too much?** Then try to control your drinking, or, if your family lovingly tells you that your drinking has caused them much pain, then seek treatment so as to get the albatross of alcoholism off your back.
- **Does your pessimism bring everybody down?** Then examine the ideas that control your feelings, replacing negative and unrealistic ones with their more positive counterparts. Try to stop dwelling on what little is wrong, and focus upon what is right, realizing that the glass is often considerably more than half full.

This is not easy, so do not get discouraged, patience and persistence being the words of the day. Whatever your issues, face them, and the enjoyment of ever-increasing happiness will be yours.

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### Story Programs

Story programs include stories, songs, fingerplays and action rhymes. Baby/Parent Lapsits are planned for alternate Wednesdays at 10 a.m. January 12 through May 10, for children up to 24 months with an adult.

Toddler Stories are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., January 11 through May 9, for children 24 to 42 months with an adult.

Preschool Stories are Tuesday or Thursday at 1:30, January 11 through May 11, for children 3½ to 5 years of age.

Saturday Stories will be held January 8 through March 25 at 11:30 a.m., for families with children from 2½ to 6 years of age.

### After-School Programs

"Tempting Tales" will be held Fridays at 3:45 p.m.,

January 7 through March 31, with stories, snacks and friendship for children in grades K through 2.

"Cocoa Club" is scheduled for Fridays at 4:30 p.m., January 7 through March 31. Books and snacks for children in grades 3 to 5. The first selection is Lloyd Alexander's "Book of Three," an adventure with magic, heroes and heroines, and an Assistant Pig-Keeper.

Friday Films will be shown at 1:30 p.m., January 7 through March 10. Short award-winning films for preschoolers and their caregivers.

### Parent/Child Book Discussion

Parents and their young adults share high-quality teen literature together. Book lists are available at the library. Discussions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19 and May 17, for grades 6 and up with a caring adult.

"Play Chess!" is the program on alternate Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30, on January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26. For children in grades 1 and up, of all playing levels. Bring a chess

set — limited sets are available.

### Specials

"Nature's Winter World" is set for Friday, January 28, 1:30 to 2:30, for ages 3 to 6.

"Winter Break Song and Dance Party with Cindy Lou" will take place on Tuesday, February 22 at 3 p.m. for ages 3 to 8.

Black History Month: "Out of Africa" with the Fabulous Folktales Storytellers, is planned for Friday, February 4 at 4, for children in grades K through 6.

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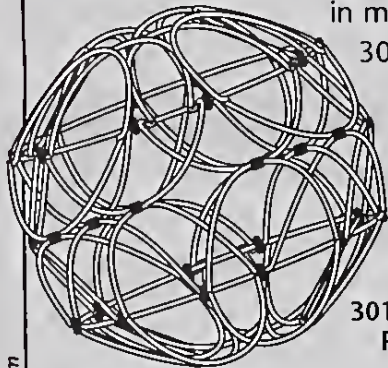
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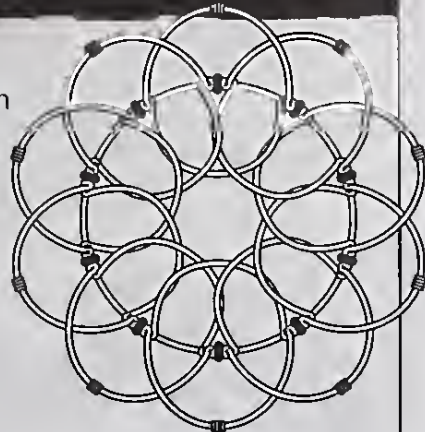
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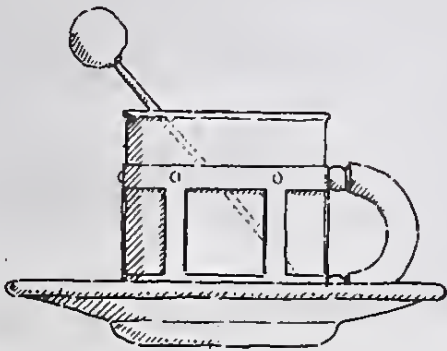
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## OBITUARIES

**Mairead F. Mahon, 45**, Herrontown Road, died December 20 at home from complications of brain cancer.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, she grew up in Gorey, County Wexford, Ireland.

She graduated from Loretto Abbey, Gorey County Wexford, and held B.A. and M.A. degrees from Trinity College, Dublin.

She was formerly employed at Price Waterhouse in New York City.

She was a member of Cherry Valley Country Club and Galway Bay Golf and Country Club, and was a former co-president of the John Witherspoon Middle School PTO.

She is survived by her husband, James F. Mahon Jr.; three daughters, Blathnaid, Dee Dee and Fiona, students at John Witherspoon Middle School and Littlebrook Elementary School; two sons, James and Denis, students at Princeton High School and Littlebrook Elementary School; and her parents, Florence and Denis Molumby of Gorey, County Wexford, Ireland.

Memorial contributions may be made to John Witherspoon Middle School PTO, 217 Walnut Lane, Princeton 08540.

Funeral Mass was held December 23 at St. Paul's Church. Interment was at Princeton Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Kimble Funeral Home.

**Jan Sebor, 86**, Federal Court, died December 21. Born in Zilina, Czechoslovakia, he had lived in Princeton for the last ten years.

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Conservatory, Mr. Sebor was a popular actor in Czechoslovakia in the years before the Second World War, appearing in numerous theatrical productions and feature films.

His acting career was cut short by the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, and he spent the war years in hiding in Budapest, Hungary with his wife, Marta.

Mr. Sebor was the son of Armin and Anna Schwalb, who were killed at Auschwitz during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebor came to the United States in the early 1950s. Fluent in six languages, including Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, and German, Mr. Sebor found a new career in New York at Radio Free Europe, where he served as a news broadcaster until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marta Sebor, a sister Heddy Pitt of Los Angeles, his daughter Ann S. Mantell and two grandchildren, all of Princeton.

The funeral was held December 22 at the Kimble Funeral Home. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

**Elizabeth M. Wright**, 86, of Sarasota, Fla., died December 21 at Harborside Healthcare of Sarasota.

Born in Cranbury, she lived in the West Windsor-Plainsboro area before moving to Florida in 1989.

She owned the Betty Wright Shop, a women's specialty store at 144 Nassau Street, before retiring.

She was a member of The Soroptimist Club of Princeton, Order of the Eastern Star, and First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck.

Wife of the late Joseph K. Wright Sr., she is survived by two sons, Joseph K. of Kissimmee, Fla., and David O. of Princeton Junction and Cape May; a daughter, Vivian W. MacPherson of Sarasota and Lavalette; a sister, Mabel M. Dey of Princeton Junction; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, or Harborside Healthcare, Northgate Court, Sarasota, Fla.

**Helen A. O'Hara**, 81, of Plainsboro, died December 26 at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a Plainsboro resident for many years.

She received a bachelor's degree from Douglass College, was a homemaker, and taught high school English for several years. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Wife of the late James A. O'Hara, she is survived by four children, Carolyn of Beacon, N.Y., James of Princeton, Kathleen of Ashburn, Va., and Thomas of Bridgewater, Mass.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Mass of Christian Burial will

be held at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Thursday, December 30 at 1. Interment will be private, at Ewing Cemetery.

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Diane Passoff, 72, of Manalapan, died December 21 at home.

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Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she lived in Newark before moving to Manalapan, where she lived for the past 50 years.

She was a member of Congregation Sons of Israel of Manalapan, B'nai B'rith, and Hedessah of Monmouth County.

Beloved wife of the late Daniel Passoff; devoted mother of Wayne Passoff of Belmar, Cindy Urken of Princeton, Nina Kiere of Manalapan, Michelle Passoff of New York City, and the late Dr. Todd Passoff; dear sister of Ruth Anastasia of South Orange and Doris Kievman of California.

Services were held Thursday at Bloomfield-Cooper Jewish Chapel, Manalapan.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Congregation Sons of Israel of Manalapan would be appreciated.

### Mary Jane Kelley

**MacKinnon**, of Princeton, died December 26 at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Princeton she was a graduate of Princeton High School.

She was employed at Educational Testing Service and at J.C. Penney Corporation in New York. She retired in 1989 as a systems analyst.

Daughter of the late James P. and Florence Kelley, and wife of the late Roderick P. MacKinnon, she is survived by a son, Roderick P. Jr. of Flemington; three granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, December 30, at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery.

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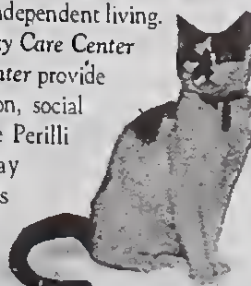
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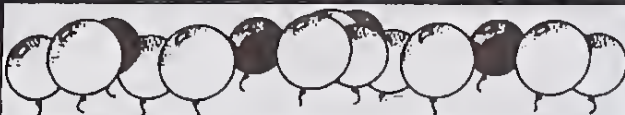
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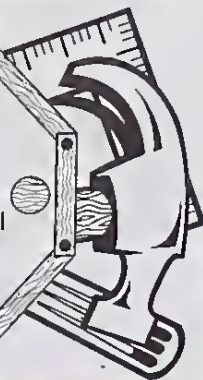
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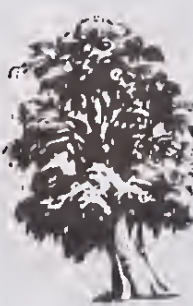
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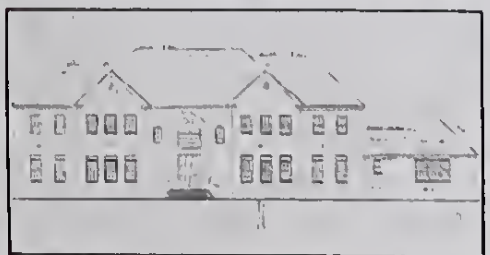
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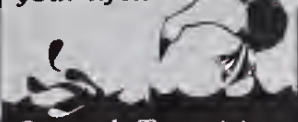
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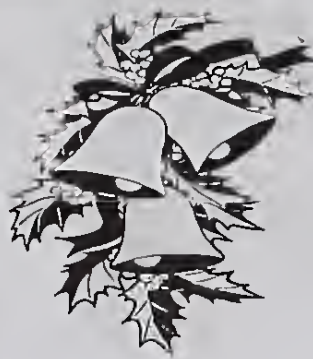
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